

of law and we all know on this floor as we hassle with the interpretation of law that occasionally we disagree but when we walk away from this floor we have respect for each other's point of view and for a great number of years the public schools have observed May 1 as Law Day in respect to the profession and to the law of this nation. We all know that law provides us with a better hope for the world in an orderly society. And I believe that the public schools should be commended for the fact they do observe Law Day, do invite guests to speak to their students on the values and purposes of law which does indeed instill respect in values for all of us for each other. The public schools, we all know, have been a great monument in American history. Today they are under attack and I think it is days like this that we should commend them for what they do. I am going to seize this opportunity for a moment to remind you what the public schools have done historically for this nation because often-times we believe they fail in their mission and that is not correct because in 1776 only 15% of the colonists could read and write and by World War I 35% of all Americans were considered literate. And today, even though we have not reached that magic number of 100%, 82% of all of our citizens are literate, some of them to a greater extent than others but they can. When you compare this nation's record in education it exceeds any other nation of this world, yet we are one of the youngest nations of the world in terms of our people, their ability to read, to write, to express themselves. So the purpose of LR 60 then is not only to commend the Ord Public Schools and the educational profession, the Board of Education and others and the attorneys for what they are going to do next Monday on Law Day, but to commend all public schools in the State of Nebraska and pat them on the back and say, we, as members of the Unicameral, the Legislature of Nebraska, do indeed respect you, your profession and the boys and girls of the State of Nebraska and what we are attempting to do to provide everybody with a sense of dignity, purpose, worth and a job interest skill in the future. That is the purpose of LR 60. Thank you. Senator Wagner will speak.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker and members, I might go back just a little bit to what Law Day is all about and it is really a joint resolution from Congress and a proclamation from the President in relation to creating a special day for the celebration of American people in appreciation for their liberties. This year's Law Day theme is "Law, the Language of Liberty." When we talk about liberty we have got two basic liberties that I would like to reflect upon and this