

around the outside of the building. Let this year be a celebration of these people and for these people, and for this building, which has become a symbol of their hopes and dreams, their heritage, and all of their finer qualities. Thank you, Mr. President, and I move for adoption of LR 200.

PRESIDENT: Thank you for words well said, Senator Johnson. We have Senator Cope next to speak. The Chair recognizes Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I would like to add a few words to Senator Johnson's excellent presentation and to thank him for the resolution, LR 200, as you found on your desk. I like it. I would like to congratulate the Legislature and Legislatures dating back to 1975 for funding money to do the repair. I came to the Legislature in 1975 and I think everyone, not everyone, but the great majority of members at that time were sick and tired of the deplorable condition this building was in. With buckets and tubs in the hallways when it rained to catch the water and stains and the general condition of the building. More money was allotted to DAS in the Building Department or whatever the department is in DAS plus five years ago this Legislature passed 309 which was the building renewal or deferred maintenance for all state buildings. As you well know, a great deal of money has been spent to bring state buildings up-to-date but especially this building which we are in today. I can say that now the Capitol is in very good shape and I think it is the thing to do. If the people back in depression days of the Thirties could build a beautiful building like this, certainly we in Nebraska today can maintain it and I am proud, I know you are proud, that we have this building back, not in the original, but almost original condition.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I certainly echo what has been said about the Capitol. I guess I have a special interest in the Capitol because my grandparents lived about twenty miles east of Lincoln here when I was a young man, a young boy, and we traveled back and forth several times during each year and I remember very well the progress of the building of this beautiful Capitol and, of course, at that time I was quite impressed and never realized that I would be part of the Legislature in this body some day. So I have a very deep feeling and my parents ahead of me also did because we would stop and walk around the building as it progressed, and when the names of the counties were put up around the edge around the top, we walked completely around to see if they