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SENATOR WESELY: Okay, sounds good, sounds good.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I'm going to support this resolution even though I have a few complaints about the way it was handled. You know this Legislature in my opinion is becoming increasingly partisan. I mean it has become so partisan that Senator Haberman never even asked me if I would be willing to sign this resolution. I was too, I was here all day long. In fact, we were....(interruption.)

PRESIDENT: Let's not have any...you can decide that later.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Haberman came to me afterwards and said, "Say, Dave, we introduced this resolution and I hope you won't oppose it." I think that that is prejudging in the worst way and I think that not only have I been prejudged, just because I happen to be a registered Democrat, I can't take pride in a hometown boy. That really hurts and I would ask the rest of this body to be a little more sensitive on these very important issues and I would ask Senator Haberman specifically if he would apologize for his oversight.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, I don't know if that was asking you to respond or not but you have a chance to do that.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it is unfortunate at this time that Senator Newell has to bring up partisan politics. As I go into Omaha and every time I go into Omaha I see something that says something about Kennedy Road going somewhere. I think he belongs to the Democratic party. When I went through the chamber to get the names, DeCamp wasn't here and my good friend Senator Newell wasn't here when I handed the petition in. Senator Goodrich wasn't here. I went up and told him about the petition if he wanted to get his name on it. So, I'm sorry, Senator Newell, that I did not give you the opportunity to sign it and I know that you would have signed it out of the spirit of being a fair and honest legislator. Thank you in answer to his question, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Alright. Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in support of the resolution. I would like to acknowledge that Senator Haberman did come to me and