

amendment, will reject the Newell amendment and vote for the resolution as it was introduced, and the resolution was not drafted casually, it was not drafted flippantly. It was drafted intently and specifically and I hope that you will leave it that way. You will have the opportunity, of course, to take other action at some other time if you choose to do so but I believe it is important that we be specific in this type of resolution rather than to be vague.

PRESIDENT: Before we take up the Newell amendment, the Chair takes great pleasure in introducing to the Legislature three distinguished visitors from Tunisia. They are seated under the South balcony, and would the distinguished visitors stand up and be recognized please as I mention your name, first, Mr. Moussa, Foreign Policy Counselor to the Prime Minister and Political Counselor to the Prime Minister, Mr. Moussa; and then he is accompanied by his finance, Ms. Boughrara. Would you stand and be recognized, Ms. Boughrara. And then Ms. Raccagni, who is the U. S. Escort-Interpreter. Would you stand. Welcome to all of you to the only Unicameral Legislature in the United States. Mr. Clerk, amendment on the desk. Read the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell would move to amend LR 233: (Read Newell amendment found on page 1036, Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I apologize for my hurried writing style but that is in fact the resolution. Basically I would like to amend in the "Therefore, be it resolved section..." under number two, it says, "The State of Nebraska declares its intent to join" instead of "will join", and then a new Section 3 which says that the Legislature urges the Department of Environmental Control to hold public hearings this summer. The essence of this issue, and I think it is very simple, is that because of the importance of this issue, and because of the importance that the public places on the whole question of nuclear waste, it is important that we hold these public hearings before we make a final decision and it is important that we indicate to the public that that decision has not already been made. I myself have not been privy to Senator Schmit's efforts. I have not been privy to Senator Kahle's efforts. I have not been privy to what the Department of Environmental Control has previously heretofore done, and not only have I not been privy, but I have not felt particularly satisfied in the floor debate that we have the kind of information that I think we as a Legislature and the public in general need