

the entire country because I think the message is going to be conveyed by radio stations and television stations and newspapers stationed throughout this state is that the Nebraska Legislature, a lawmaking body, passed a resolution suggesting that the laws not be enforced in a particular area and I really ask you, colleagues, is that appropriate? Is it appropriate for us as lawmakers to go around passing resolutions suggesting in selected instances that the laws not be enforced? I think that it is not. And I think that when the message is conveyed, if this resolution passes, when it goes out across the state, why it is going to be viewed as a victory for this minority, this minority of people who would come in and ask us to turn around, completely change state policy that has been in effect for at least fifteen years, for a temporary relatively flash in the pan, here today, gone tomorrow group of individuals who I will wager we won't even hear from or won't even know of two years from now and what concerns me particularly is indeed, is Reverend Falwell from Lynchburg, Virginia, going to come back to Nebraska with his camera crew, is going to again put his own lock on that church door and show himself taking that lock off the door of the church. And is he then, on his Sunday morning broadcast nationwide, going to say that we moral majoritarians around the country showed that provincial Nebraska Legislature that we have a special knowledge and a special understanding, not only about morality but about how children in Nebraska should be educated and we have convinced the Nebraska Legislature to turn around on this issue and we once again have prevailed in this sort of issue around the country. Now I am really concerned that that is the kind of message we are going to be sending out and that is what we are going to hear if Senator Koch's resolution passes and that is exactly the wrong message for a legislative body to be sending out in this state and nationwide. Now the message that we convey in our resolution, I think, and I hope you will take the time to read it, is exactly the right message and Senator Landis and Senator Cullan are going to address what that message says. And I think that until the laws of the State of Nebraska are amended according to duly appropriate procedures, it is a mistake for us to pass a resolution asking that they not be enforced. Now, finally, because I want to leave some time for my colleague, cosponsors to talk on this issue, yesterday I handed out a poll which all of you ought to have and I have a couple of extra copies in case you don't and I know that this poll which indicates that by a margin of more than two to one the people in Omaha think that current law ought to be enforced and that there should be no exceptions made clearly represents the sentiments of people