

foreign markets and also in foreign education. Our University of Nebraska right now has a number of people throughout the world, in China, Morocco, and I wouldn't know where else...I know in Africa, on every continent there are University of Nebraska and Nebraskans. We must recognize that we need to drop our provincialism and the quicker we become international, become cosmopolitan, the better we will be and the greater attraction that we will have. And, occasionally, some people may come and look at the Unicameral and say that's a unique body, but they really don't know what it is. You know, when I was campaigning, I found citizens of Nebraska didn't know we had a Unicameral. That's how broad and how well known it is.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WEIHING: I strongly...I'm strongly against indefinite postponement and just as strong in passing this legislation.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Barrett, then Senator Korshoj, then Senator Ashford. Senator Barrett, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I, too, rise in opposition to the motion to indefinitely postpone this bill. I was a co-sponsor a year ago of LB 347 with Senator Vard Johnson, the bill that was vetoed the last day or two of the session and time did not allow us to override the veto, as I recall. I felt the need for this type of legislation for several years but, more importantly, in just the last couple of years because of the office...the nature of the office of Speaker, because I have had an opportunity to become exposed to visitors and also to be a visitor in foreign countries. Protocol, to me, is nothing more than good manners and Nebraska has been somewhat negligent at times in providing the good manners that our visitors are entitled to. As a matter of fact, Nebraska is light years behind in this area. There have been times when I have actually been embarrassed not only as a receiver of guests but also a guest in other parts of the world. A majority of the states in this union do have protocol offices, have trade offices, we have none. Our sister states are way ahead of us in this area. It's time that we wake up and do something and become citizens of a little larger world. A global economy has been mentioned time and time again and it is a fact. Also, many of the previous speakers have touched on the fact that we receive so many guests and we really don't do a very good job of taking care of them. Senator Coordsen said