

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Gavel.) Senator Wesely, please, on your resolution.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. This resolution is an annual one brought to me by the Kidney Foundation and it encourages Nebraskans to remember we do have a Uniform Donor Card program in this state. It is a very important program that allows individuals freedom of choice to let people know, if they should die unexpectedly, and have the ability to donate an organ that they can fill out this card and then that could take place and thus, individuals, for instance, are in need of a kidney or other different organs will have the chance to get that and save a life. This is a chance for us to share and help one another and obviously in a very difficult situation, but one in which we want to encourage that activity. Out of bad, sometimes good can emerge and this resolution tries to encourage people to recognize that gift. So with that, I'd ask for adoption of this resolution. Again, it does encourage Nebraskans to remember the Uniform Organ Donor Card program and encourage their use.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion on the resolution offered by Senator Wesely? If not, excuse me, Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: (Mike not activated immediately.) ...body, naturally I support that as the main sponsor of the organ tissue donation bill and might I ask, I don't know, or might I mention that if the body knows that the Red Cross program, through the organ tissue donation, in the last year started a new procedure to use and promote bone marrow and so on and the donations for reconstructive surgery for hips and so on has increased 100 percent for our state for the American Red Cross program. So I would like to hope that we, as the Legislature, have been responsible for part of that and also the Lions Eye Bank has gone up over...well, let's see, I believe it was from 195 to 432 or over 100 percent donation too since we passed those bills. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Any closing statement, Senator Wesely? Thank you. Those in favor of the adoption of LR 32 please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, in the adoption of LR 32.