

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, having missed the prayer this morning, which is my custom, I think I will add something from the New Testament because it is one of my favorite verses and it ties right in with what Senator Wesely is offering. The verse was attributed to Jesus. Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven, which means I and a lot of little children are going to be there, and, at some point in this month, I am going to offer a resolution that relates to the fact that April has been designated the month, it is antichild abuse month or something to that effect, and because it ties in, I am going to offer it, and I hope this will be the forerunner of Senator Wesely's resolution. It will show the children that we do care about them. It will show those people who are working in the interest of and on behalf of children that we do care. We will do what is available for us, and, as Senator Schmit would say, this resolution is one of those things that doesn't cost anything, doesn't do anything, doesn't hurt anybody, doesn't help anybody, but I think it creates a tone, a frame of mind, and because of that, it is a worthwhile venture.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can't add too much to what Senator Chambers has said this morning except for the fact that I would like to say that this resolution may not cost anything, do anything, whatever, but I think the tone and the frame of mind is very important, and the time has come, now this is the second year that we have done a resolution which talks...or we celebrated the week of the children. We need to do more than just celebrate the fact that it is the week of children. I think we really need to get serious about taking care of the problems that we see in Nebraska regarding abuse, neglect, and those kinds of things, and now is the time for us to get serious. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? If not, those in favor of adoption of LR 67 please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 67.