

look at the resolution, on page 2192 of your Journal, this is the McGruff resolution. Also, you'll notice back behind the glass there we have a new lobbyist this morning, McGruff is back there. There he is, back there. Maybe after we get this passed we can bring him in and introduce him. But for the time being, since he's in the middle of this debate, he has to stay back behind the glass. But I want to explain to you a little bit about this resolution and why I want to make it perfectly clear that on the second thing, it says the McGruff symbol and program shall be exclusively recommended for use in Nebraska. Now, McGruff houses, there are a lot of block homes, there are a lot of different organizations that have block homes across the state. But none of these are of statewide nature, and none of these are of a nationwide nature. A McGruff house, quite simply, is a safe place for children who find themselves in an emergency, in a threatening situation and McGruff, the nice thing about McGruff and why the McGruff organization, and law enforcement officials across the state and country are trying to move forward with a nationwide, statewide McGruff block house program, is the fact that McGruff has a 99 percent recognition rate for all children in school. They've seen McGruff on TV, they've seen...McGruff has come to their school, and they understand McGruff and they actually...they very much trust in McGruff because they see him as their friend. And, also it's 96 percent of the teens in the nation recognize McGruff and trust him. Now, McGruff, the McGruff block home organization is operational in 42 other states. And the nice thing about this is that a lot of families move across the nation, across the state, you know, what sort of local block home organization they have in some cities may be different in the next cities and they will not recognize the signs, because they are not used to it. Well, the McGruff house, and the McGruff symbol is a sign, if you've seen the signs with McGruff and the little House, that sign is universal across the nation, that McGruff House cannot be duplicated, if you try and duplicate this it just simply won't work. It's not as simple as some of the other ones, it's a little more in more detail. There is only one place that you can get the McGruff posters. So it's quick to check out to see who is an official McGruff House and who would be trying to be an imposter, but really you couldn't do that. Now, there have been no...the McGruff program, there has been...in the States of Michigan, Montana, Washington, New Mexico, Minnesota and Utah they've passed either legislation or resolutions similar to this encouraging the exclusive use of the McGruff House. And also I've received letters, we've all received letters from a variety