

oppose it. Every day, based on the theory that Senator Hannibal mentioned, is Nebraska Citizens Day. Anybody who is a citizen is a citizen every day. There is no need for the Legislature to begin designating things of this sort and requiring proclamations and other recognitions of that which is self-evident. I'm opposed to the resolution, I'm going to oppose resolutions of this type. We do have too many of them. We encourage people to bring to us nonsensical things such as this. Some senators feel obligated to offer them. When people in my district bring all types of things to me, I tell them, I'm elected and sent to that Legislature to reflect intelligence, judgment and sound discretion. People may and can and should, if they really do, disagree with a final conclusion that I arrive at. However, they won't be able to say that the conclusion that I reached was based on my head being totally empty for there is a difference between being open-minded and empty-headed. I'm open-minded, but I'm not empty-headed. The resolution is discriminatory on its face. This Legislature has an obligation to represent all people, not just citizens. If a person were to study the history of the U.S. Constitution and the development of this country and some of the amendments and provisions, we would see that things which today we take for granted and skim over when we read them without even lifting the significance, some of those things were the result of very serious debate, discussion and consideration. There is a difference in the status between a citizen and a person who is a noncitizen, but there are certain fundamental rights that all people have whether they are citizens or not. So for the reasons that I have given and other reasons that I haven't given, because despite as Senator Hannibal said, this being a simple resolution which I would describe as simple-minded, I don't want to become too humorous in my presentation. Although this lends itself to a number of things that are just floating around in my mind which if I were to state would be such classics of wit and intelligence that they would be recited and quoted down through the ages and everybody who quotes these things would want to take credit for having created them. So, Senator Hannibal, although you may think I'm using a sledge hammer when a tack hammer would do...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I am showing some degree of restraint.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, please, followed by