

say yes or no, so thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Morrissey, please, Senator Chambers on deck.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, Senator Chambers, I would gladly sign a resolution if you want to bring it to eliminate all of my drugs from the coffee, tobacco, from the floor of the Legislature or the building. I need to be pressed sometimes to eliminate those from my lifestyle. This resolution is very important, I feel. You saw the reaction when the Keep Fremont Beautiful Committee recommended no more hot air balloons or no more helium balloons or any balloons at the University of Nebraska football games. Some people completely lost it over that. Some editorials from major newspapers said, well, that doesn't contribute significantly to the problem of trash and litter and killing animals, whatever you will. Neither does one styrofoam cup. Neither does the fact that I may crumple up a cigarette pack and throw it out along a highway on the way home. That one cigarette pack and that one styrofoam cup does not add significantly to the problem, but the main problem that I see in Nebraska is the mind set of the people as proven by that Fremont and Big Red balloon fiasco, if you will. I commend the Fremont committee for bringing that. The biggest problem in this state is changing the people's mind set on this issue. We in Nebraska don't realize that there is a trash problem in the country because we have, for so long, had free trash disposal, unregulated landfills, and no rules and we don't see the garbage ourselves moving around the country, or the garbage train moving around the country. We don't realize that New Jersey or some state back east was trying to buy 2,400 acres of land in New Mexico to ship their trash across the country to a landfill, so we can make light of this all we want but it's a first step in changing the minds of the people in Nebraska and that is going to be very important this year and next year because we have to convince these folks that this is a big problem, it is a mounting problem and they'd better realize it because there is a lot of people around the country that are looking at Nebraska, New Mexico, South Dakota, Wyoming as the great wide open spaces, great wide open spaces that we can store our trash in and if we don't get our own problem under control, we're not going to be able to keep these people out and I think this is a very good first step and if you want to go beyond that, there's a lot of paper in this building that we could be recycling and many other