

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, member. I hope this doesn't go on like the styrofoam cup debate, but in some ways, it is totally appropriate for the whole issue to have at least a few minutes of airing, because terminology, I found, is an important language, is a means by which we communicate with one another, and this Legislature is a central point for the whole state to talk about different matters, and this has been a nagging problem, as Senator Scofield knows. All of us from Lincoln and Omaha have had a problem from time to time trying to refer to those areas of the state not including Lincoln and Omaha, and we have tried to be sensitive to the concerns of senators like Senator Scofield, Senator Dierks. Certainly outstate Nebraska has earned disfavor. The problem is greater Nebraska is certainly not much appreciated by those of us who aren't in greater Nebraska, which means we are in lesser Nebraska, and that really doesn't appeal to us a whole lot. But we, at different times, do need to make reference to that area of the state. Senator Korshoj talked about rural Nebraska. I think perhaps that term, I'd just be curious, I guess, Senator Scofield, does the term "rural Nebraska" have any particular meaning or "urban Nebraska", is that one way to make some distinction? And the problem you get into there is on urban Nebraska is what is urban? Is Grand Island urban? Is Norfolk urban? Certainly Lincoln and Omaha would be but I don't think that is a very precise terminology either. You get into this in all kinds of areas. In western Nebraska, I recall when I first came down here, I thought Grand Island was western Nebraska, and I certainly have learned that is not western Nebraska. I am not sure that even North Platte is thought of as western Nebraska. I got into it on older, older people, older Nebraskans, and, you know, what is somebody is older. Well, that is any age you are, older is ten years older than that. That is usually about how people determine who is older and who isn't, and so you just have a moving target constantly with terminology, and spending time in the health and human services area, we did delete numerous references dealing with the mentally ill, the mentally retarded, because the terminology that we had used in the past was offensive and inappropriate, and how we label something makes a difference, and so I am not saying that the resolution is inappropriate. It is very appropriate. The topic of discussion is worthwhile. I am a little worried about the \$50 fine, if you want to know the truth, and if you read that, it says anybody anywhere, and so if anybody in this floor utters those forbidden terms, then we could have a million people