

use of the term outstate, in particular, seems to be spreading like the plague and I would like to nip it in the bud before it goes any further. I don't know whoever started this practice but I think it is one that needs to be stopped before this contamination spreads any further. The discussion about greater, if you read the Selzer column, Bob Selzer column here, greater according to the American Heritage Dictionary is an adjective and it means designating a city and its populous suburbs. So it is really not a satisfactory answer and I really think people would get...we would let people off too easily if we let them lump every place outside of Lincoln and Omaha together with one term, and I don't think that is in the best interest of any part of the state. Senator Coordsen asked, does the term rural Nebraska versus urban Nebraska have any particular significance? I happen to live in a district that is 48 urban, 52 percent rural, according to the statistics. Many of us have that kind of division and so there is a lot of areas outside the state that have urban characteristics. So I think the only real solution is is to either regard ourselves all as Nebraskans, and when appropriate, to refer to a particular region or a particular community, and to be more careful, I believe it was Senator Wesely who made the point about how you use language is very important. It is very important in terms of the perceptions of the state, and since this resolution really only puts obligations on people who are in official capacities, and I think we do have an obligation to know the state better than the average citizen, I have...Senator Wesely asked me if I was going to withdraw this resolution. I can't withdraw this resolution. My constituents would kill me. I have got one up there from Hay Springs I see right now looking down upon me. People at Hay Springs would be very upset if we didn't correct this plague before it spreads any further. I would suspect that the enforcement of this wouldn't be unduly rigorous but I rejected a notion of amending it because, as Coordsen suggested, and Coordsen suggested community service. If Senator Wesely were to be fined to do community service in my district, he would be way better off to pay the \$50. It would cost him more than that to get there. So, and this may be viewed as a stunt by some but I can assure that outside the boundaries of Lincoln and Omaha, this is no stunt. This is a very important issue. It is important to the people that live outside the major metropolitan areas of this state, and I think it is safe to say that we all want to be a part of this state. I love this whole state. I have lived in Omaha. I have lived in Lincoln. I now live outside of Chadron and I think we will