

the Ninety-first Legislature of Nebraska, Second Session, 1) That the month of May, 1990, be declared State Poppy Month; that the Legislature urges all citizens to support the observance of State Poppy Month. Senator Dierks, may I ask you a question.

SENATOR DIERKS: Certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are there narcotic substances that are derived from the poppy?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, there are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Wouldn't it have been... Let me not ask it as a leading question. Would it be better, instead of calling this Poppy Month, because that's all the declaration will be, how's the public to know what's really intended. Wouldn't it be better me having... my having said that, if this said you want to recognize these people that you're talking about, or their contribution?

SENATOR DIERKS: Is that a question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay. I think that what we're talking about is symbolism. And the symbolism, I think, is pretty well accepted nationwide that the poppy has been part of the whole process of recognizing our veterans, the war dead, those who didn't die but who did serve valiantly in the war fields. And I don't believe there is any connotation at all with the narcotic part of the poppy plant. We're talking about the flower and the appropriateness to the occasion, I believe.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, there are people in groups who raise poppies and say that they raise them only as a flower. But America wants to use herbicides and other means, even caterpillars and other little creatures, to try to destroy plants that produce these narcotic substances. But in the process of doing that, they have not decided to take a stand against those corporations whose solvents are essential to the production of cocaine. In view of all of the emphasis being placed on illicit drugs, I think it is a mistake for the Legislature to enact this resolution. And I wanted my comments in the record so that Senator Dierks and anybody else who might be interested will understand why I'm not just going to abstain