

for such. I think, without question, you can also recognize the benefits that the building of a billion dollar facility, in and of itself, would be an economic boon let alone what would transpire after that with the employment of maybe as many as 5,000 people that would be associated with the running of one of these with air traffic control and all that goes with it. It would not be designed specifically to be in even our urban areas but out in the noncontrol traffic areas, probably possibly in the middle of the state, somewhere geographically that it would fit with the aeronautic needs of relatively fog free conditions and all the other things that go. But they're talking about building these things in the state of the art where they would have snow melt runways and all, I mean, built to the state of the art to take our aviation into the future for the next 50 years. So I offer this resolution simply saying have our experts look at this, help start developing a proposal possibly to send to Washington and say, here's something that we Nebraskans would like to see have happen here in Nebraska.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the resolution. Senator Wehrbein, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I would like a question of Senator Conway. I was just reading this over, what is the attitude of the Aeronautics and Economic Development Department at this time? Is this a new idea or is it kind of cold?

SENATOR CONWAY: This is such a new idea that I have not had a discussion with them and I'm not even...do not know at this point whether they're even familiar with it. Again, the special session came up, this was something I was preparing for regular session. I saw the opportunity to bring it in earlier and get ahead of several other states that I know are preparing resolutions for their January meetings.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I assume the way it reads it does say advocate and I assume that if the idea did not appear feasible in Nebraska, we also would be able to back out gracefully. This is not an automatic...there might be reasons that...I just want to make it realistic in what we can accomplish.

SENATOR CONWAY: Yes, my intent, really, with the resolution is that we really start moving towards looking at the feasibility and whether we do want to participate; advocate in terms of