

O'Donnell. I think we're all aware of the good...

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, (gavel). Could we please have a little quiet so that we can hear the speaker, Wesely. Thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Again, what we found, I think all of us have respected and appreciated what Pat has done for us in this Legislature. But it's nice to know that one of our own has gained not only attention within the body and within our state, but also has gained the respect of the entire Conference of State Legislators. For him to be elected to become the President of that conference is the highest honor any legislative staff can achieve. He's reached the top and he's about to take that office, and I think it's appropriate for us to recognize that achievement. I'd like to give the rest of my time to Speaker Barrett. Again, he's the Executive Board member of the conference, another achievement for us, and we're proud of that achievement of Speaker Barrett.

PRESIDENT: Speaker Barrett, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'm particularly pleased to join in co-sponsoring this resolution with Senator Wesely, because as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures I've had an opportunity to watch our Clerk, Pat O'Donnell, work his ways, his very capable ways with that particular group. Pat is, as we know, one of the most capable, one of the most willing clerk's that any of us will probably ever know or ever want to know. He's extremely conscientious, not only with this body, but with NCSL. His unflagging energy and his unflappable disposition, at least most of the time, (laughter) and his ever-present pipe make him a person who stands out, not only for his abilities but in other ways as well. He's particularly conscientious about his job. He is always studying the process, and he's always trying to improve the institution and studying ways to improve our system. It is a compliment not only to Patrick J. O'Donnell, but to members of this Legislature and to the State of Nebraska, for him to be recognized this year as Staff Vice-Chair of NCSL, soon to become Staff Chair of NCSL, the highest elective position for a staff person in that particular national organization. NCSL is going to be in very good hands on December 1st when Pat O'Donnell takes his position as Chairman, Staff Chair of NCSL. I urge the body to adopt this