

letters and other papers of enduring paper on alkaline permanent paper.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, this resolution reflects a growing concern about the impending loss of an enormous volume of our historical, cultural and scientific records because of self-destruction of acidic papers on which books and other publications have been printed since the mid-nineteenth century. I might...I said I would mention the Shakespeare Folio again, if it hadn't been printed on the right kind of paper, it would not be in existence today, undoubtedly. This resolution, we introduced this as a bill, first, to mandate the use of non...of alkaline paper for all state records that we want to preserve and the Government Committee asked us to make it into a resolution rather than try to make it...to place it into the statute. The resolution declares it to be a policy of this state that all state records, books and publications of enduring value be produced on acid-free permanent paper. You have a copy of the resolution that the Pages have given to you. In furtherance of that objective, the resolution urgently recommends that state agencies and local government require the use of such paper for publications of enduring value and the use of archival quality papers for permanently valuable state and local records. It urges similar action in the private sector. It urgently recommends that American publishers voluntarily adhere to the American National Standard for permanent paper in printing publications of enduring value and that the use of such paper be noted in the publication itself in advertisements and in standard bibliographic listings. Last, the resolution urges the compilation of reliable statistics on the production of acid-free permanent paper and on the volume required to meet the objectives of the state policy established by this resolution and directs the State Energy Office and the Director of Nebraska Records Management Division of the Secretary of State's Office study the use of alkaline permanent paper, including recycled alkaline papers in state and local government and submit a report to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee within 12 months. From an environmental point of view also, I would like to add that the mills that produce alkaline paper do not emit such terrible pollution in the air and that's another point about the paper that I think is very important. So, at this time, I would hope and thank you very much for voting for this resolution.