

declared by law or proclamation of the President or Governor to be holidays. And so I want to...I think we want to be absolutely sure that this is not a paid holiday. I support LB 99 (sic), at the present time, if it isn't a paid holiday. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Are there any other senators who wish to speak on this bill? Seeing none, we will proceed to vote on the advancement of LB 199. Do you have closing, Senator Lynch. I'm sorry.

SENATOR LYNCH: If I could, I thought I answered Senator Hefner's question, that this is not, never was intended to be a paid holiday. I have no problems with putting an amendment on it that would say it can never be a paid holiday. We should probably do the same thing, though, for George Norris Day, for American Indian Day, for all of the other days as well. This is all this is intended to be. Let's not blow this out of proportion. This is pretty serious stuff. When you have, every year, more workers injured than we had in Desert Storm, and almost as many people killed as we had in Desert Storm, there is something significant to that. I don't know why there is a problem with something like this at all. I can understand the fear, if it were a paid holiday. So, please understand, that is not the issue. Put 25 amendments on it to say it's not a paid holiday, I don't care. But don't use that as an excuse or a reason not to support this, because it's not true.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. We will now proceed to vote on the advancement of LB 199. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 199 is advanced. I would now like to direct your attention again to the south balcony. We have two groups of students with us today, special guests of Senator Rod Johnson are 32 students and two adults from Sandy Creek Schools. They are seventh graders with their teacher. Would you please stand and be recognized and welcomed to the Legislature today. Also in the south balcony are guests of Senator Morrissey, they are 17 seniors from Falls City High School with their teacher. Would you stand and be recognized. Thank you very much.