

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will now go to legislative resolution, LR 64, introduced by Senator Hillman.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 64 offered by Senators Hillman and Baack, found on page 1532 of the Journal. (Read brief explanation.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Several years ago, the federal government, in all of its wisdom, decided that there were too many flight service stations throughout the country and so they gradually began to close them down, and the only one remaining now in the State of Nebraska is Columbus. And Senator Exon, who serves on the Transportation Committee, has been working, and they are now looking at perhaps they shouldn't have shut all of those flight service stations down, and they are looking at a program that would put some of them back. I met with the Department...the State Department of Aeronautics, along with Senator Baack, and there is a strong feeling that there is a good chance that when they reinstate some of those stations throughout the country we could be getting one in the Panhandle, mainly because of the federal criteria that looks at certain air conditions, climate, things that affect the air transportation quite adversely. In western Nebraska, we have to get our information from Columbus. The closest one to the north is Pierre, North Dakota; south is Denver, Colorado; west is Casper. So it is logical to assume there should be one placed. We would ask that the Legislature support this resolution and that we would contact our federal representatives and tell them that we would like to see one placed in western Nebraska, and I would appreciate the body's support of this resolution.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Are there questions? Senator Nelson. Discussion of the resolution, Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I guess I support anything that to the best of my ability or as far as I can go. I might tell you that in regards to the flight service stations and anything out in greater Nebraska or so on that does help, and I am somewhat familiar with the unique weather conditions out there, but the weather bureau or the flight service stations were to construct a change of location in the Grand Island-Hastings area, and I am not sure they have got their minds made up what they want to do