

concentrated by services provided by the state, it's no surprise that as we visited each of the veterans homes we would learn of the various deficiencies and concerns they had in the federal service system that is a primary funder of the veterans administration and their activities. LR 69 is similar to a resolution that was unanimously adopted by the Nebraska County Veterans Service Officers back in December. The concerns presented in the resolution are primarily twofold. One, the reduction in the federal funding for the VA centers; and, two, the increase in state funding through Medicaid as a direct result of the decrease in federal funding. You'll notice that these costs are rising dramatically and will continue to do so. As the Nebraska veterans of World War II and Korea reach the age where medical care is more likely, I feel that it's time that we spend...excuse me, that we send a message to Washington that the promises made to these men and women will be kept. I ask you to join me in sending this message and adopting the resolution in front of you today.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. Is there anyone who wishes to speak to this resolution? Seeing none, we will proceed with the vote. All those in favor of LR 69 please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of LR 69.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LR 69 is adopted. Proceed with confirmation report. I will recognize Senator Schellpeper as Vice-Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. We have several people that were confirmed by the Health and Human Services Committee. Senator Wesely is not here this morning, so I will handle it. The following people have been confirmed, Bruce L. Gilmore for the Board of Health; Nancy O'Brien for the Child Abuse Prevention Board Fund; Bruce Gilmore is from Columbus; Nancy O'Brien is from Lincoln; we have Samuel H. Perry, II for the Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board, he's from North Platte; we have Alva Barnett, the Foster Care Review Board, from Omaha; Viola Fickel, Foster Care Review Board, from Omaha; Carol S. Holyoke, Foster Care Review Board, from Scottsbluff; Jo Lamb, Foster Care Review Board, from Anselmo; Nancy Thompson, Foster Care Review Board, from Papillion; Max A. Burroughs, Modular Housing Advisory Board, from Kearney; Roger