

introduced this resolution along with some of the others that border the Missouri River. I introduced this resolution to support the Nebraska congressional delegation. They have been meeting with the Army, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials to insure that the flows into the Missouri are adequate for barge traffic. If the flows into the Missouri are adequate, the Mississippi River will most likely have enough water. The Missouri is the largest tributary of the Mississippi. It...if the flows from the Missouri are not adequate, the Mississippi cannot adequately carry the barge traffic needed. Barge traffic is not only very important to the ag sector of Nebraska and the Midwest, but to other industries too that use barges to haul freight. We need enough water released from the upper Missouri River dams and during the barge traffic season to assure that the barge traffic can be sustained through the season. Barge traffic starts at the Sioux City, Iowa terminals. It uses the Missouri River until it reaches the Mississippi, and then it uses the Mississippi River until it arrives at New Orleans. If you have any questions I'd try to answer them for you. So Mr., or Madam Chairman, I move for the adoption of LR 423.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Is there anyone who wishes to speak to this resolution? Seeing none, we will vote on the motion to adopt LR 423. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of LR 423.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LR 423 is adopted. LR 424.

CLERK: 424 offered by Senator Robak, found on page 1811 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam. Madam President, members of the body, I...the Pages are passing out a news article that tells about two youth from Columbus, Nick Young and Ben Waline (phonetic), for the leadership and courage to stand for what they believe in. They have approached their local government with issues that they felt were important. I won't read the whole article to you, but I hope you take time to read it later. These two boys went to their local governments asking