

for change. One went to his school to plant grass on the school...on the school ground, another wanted to see if skateboards could be given a safer place to ride. I believe that more youth need to step forward, offer their input into the process of government like these boys did. And we as legislators need to hear more from the youth community about how...how policies we make would affect them, and perhaps after this article more youth will take advantage of the opportunity to step forward and take a leadership role in shaping their communities and state. I ask that you adopt LR 424, and please do read the news article. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robak. Does anyone wish to speak to this resolution? Seeing none, we will now vote on the motion to adopt LR 424. 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 424.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LR 424 is adopted. Before we proceed, I would like to call the senators' attention to the south balcony. Special guests today of the Omaha senators are ten members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Corporation, a community service organization, and their President. Would you please be rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. LR 425.

CLERK: 425, Madam President, by Senator Pirsch, found on page 1930 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature. This resolution commemorates Victim Rights Week, which will be April 26 to May 2nd this year. President Bush and the Congress have designated this as National Crime Victim Rights Week, and Governor Nelson will issue a proclamation. The national organization for victim assistance first proclaimed National Crime Victims Rights Week in 1980, and at that time the theme was forgotten victims week. We have come a long way down the road to victim justice, and today 18 national groups are members of an informal coalition cosponsoring Crime Victim Rights Week around the nation. And our local cosponsors include the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime and the Victim Assistance Network. There will be a display in the lobby today, so you will be able to see some of the information that is