

CLERK: Madam President, LR 439 offered by Senator Bernard-Stevens found on page 2203 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. It's kind of tongue in cheek that I come forward with the resolution. Senator Hillman had a, which is typical on Appropriations Committee, she's always two steps ahead of me, came with the resolution a week or so ago talking about Scottsbluff-Gering community and the rookie baseball league. And Senator Wickersham and I were teasingly saying we were going to strike out the city names of Scottsbluff-Gering and insert North Platte. And we thought that was kind of cute at the time, one of those you kind of had to be there. But nonetheless, as I went home, as I went home to my surprise I found out that actually North Platte and other communities are trying to get involved with the rookie league as well so I put in a resolution that actually is different from what Senator Hillman did earlier but it's the same certain topic and I also included both communities, Scottsbluff and Gering and North Platte, and added that the Department of Economic Development be directed to provide support and assistance to these communities in their joint effort to secure league membership. It's actually not a competition per se. Actually both Scottsbluff-Gering or North Platte or other communities in Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska, all the communities that apply at least in Nebraska area could at this point have a franchise or it could be none or it could be just one. So it's something that would be economically beneficial to the state. Certainly I encourage both communities and wish both communities good luck and this is what the resolution would do and I urge the body to support.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Madam President, members, just very quickly, Senator Bernard-Stevens, I thank you for reinforcing the resolution we passed earlier for Scottsbluff and would also urge the body to support this resolution and would just close with saying, Senator Bernard-Stevens, let's build them and I think the movie said they will come.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Does anyone else wish to speak to this resolution? Seeing none, we will vote on