

the motion to...Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you like to close?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Briefly. I've had so much problems with people pronouncing the name this year I'm contemplating next year, and I'm just throwing this out for advice, people can think about it, let me know. I thought maybe next year Steve Bernard-Davidson might work a little better. If that does, let me know and we'll work on the board. With that, I urge the body's adoption.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. We will now vote on the motion to adopt LR 439. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the resolution, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LR 439 is adopted. LR 440.

CLERK: LR 440 offered by Senator Horgan is found on page 2212 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Madam President and members. I'm aware of several of the comments that have been raised on the floor concerning this amendment or resolution. I will attempt to do it with a straight face. I am pleased to introduce this resolution in recognition of the Native American songbird, the purple martin, and to declare Omaha to be the purple martin capital of Nebraska. The purple martins will not be required to wear seat belts while flying in Omaha, but in rural areas and on rural mail routes they will. I have brought this resolution at the urging of Mr. Dennis Devine, a recognized naturalist and purple martin promoter in the Omaha/Council Bluffs area. Nebraska has enjoyed the benefits of these songbirds for hundreds and perhaps thousands, yes, thousands of years. Their presence in Nebraska was first recorded by the Omaha Indian Tribes on the banks of the Missouri River. Senator Peterson was there and tells me it was quite an event. And they continue to provide Nebraskans with entertainment, quite obviously, enjoyment and benefits to this very day and I would ask the body to please join me in recognizing the importance of the purple