

martins and this is more attention than I've gotten all year. I thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Horgan. Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and members. I have a couple of questions for Senator Horgan, please.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Can I refuse to yield? You may.

SENATOR CONWAY: The question I have for you, Senator Horgan, is there any research relative to the fact that within the confines of the city limits of Omaha that it is deserving of being designated as the purple martin capital by virtue of any statistics that that's where the majority of the purple martins are or is that where the majority of the people who enjoy purple martins seem to think they're from or what is the basis for this designation?

SENATOR HORGAN: Well, Senator Conway, the University of Nebraska ran the resolution through their computer and determined that it takes 32 years of education to understand the resolution. But it is believed that purple martins have been an important part of Omaha's history for a long time. I'm sure as a professor you're probably aware of that, but for those members of the body that are not, they have long been important to the State of Nebraska. And it's only because of the cleverness of the senator from Omaha that Omaha gets to become the capital.

SENATOR CONWAY: First let me remind you that I was a professor of finance, not of purple martins. So I really don't have those statistics in front of me, but in a way I guess I do rise in somewhat of opposition to the resolution without any real information whether or not that is the proper place. As we look at many other communities in the State of Nebraska the purple martins usually congregate where there's a great deal of mosquitoes and that's why people house them and try to draw them into their communities. And I really question whether or not with the City of Omaha probably spraying for mosquitoes that there are probably other areas of the state that actually purple mountains, martins seem to thrive in, purple mountains, yes, purple martins thrive in even better. So I do have some reservations about taking, having this body designate that