

Gothenburg thanks you also for considering this. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I do not rise in opposition per se to Senator Cudaback's motion, but only to point out that there are many, many communities in the State of Nebraska that the history of the Pony Express Stations and the trail certainly has been quite a part of their local heritage and history. I would share with you and extend an invitation to all of the members of the body to visit the Rock Creek Station State Park that lies in Senator Byars district but certainly we share the representation of that. It is the Pony Express Station where "Wild Bill" Hickok and the McCandless Boys had their infamous shoot-out and began certainly the pulp reporting of the career of "Wild Bill" Hickok. It is a well-developed state park, many reconstructed buildings and I think also serves to indicate the importance to the early history of Nebraska that the pony express trail, through for the some 18 months, or whatever it was, did provide and it is a place we would like you to visit if you have the time. I think you'd enjoy it. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, 60,000 people a year sign the guest book at the Pony Express Station in Gothenburg. I found that astounding. I couldn't believe it. Now that is tourism and most of those people come off of the interstate. A good friend of mine, Virgil Meyer, who has an implement business in Gothenburg, has two horses and two buggies, and he rotates them, and it is summer employment for his daughters. They offer buggy rides around the park for \$1 a piece, or if you want to go downtown Gothenburg, you can get a buggy ride down there for a little more. That is economic development, people, and when you have a town that close to the interstate and it can pull 60,000 people to sign the guest book off every year, now that is just the one that signs. Think about the people that don't sign it. How many times have you been to a place but haven't signed the guest book? This is tremendous economic development. I think we, as Nebraskans, should promote this and should recognize Gothenburg as the Pony Express Capital of the State of Nebraska. And, Senator Coordsen, I think there is other places that should be proud of the Pony Express Station but Gothenburg has really done