

the reason I did it in this way is so that I wouldn't try to list out every kind of dance that there might be, because whatever is not listed is considered to be intentionally excluded. And if this amendment is not adopted, then I would not support the resolution. And I say again, there are things that we bring in the form of resolutions which makes me wish that we did not even have a process by which resolutions could be offered. But I'm not going to try to do away with that. The reason I'm saying this, there are, as Senator Matzke pointed out to me, Native American dances, Senator Wesely, Senator Lynch and Senator Wickersham mentioned some other dances, so if we put our collective minds together, I doubt that we could list every one. So whenever you talk about something being officially recognized by the state, we ought not do something which could easily be misunderstood by others. With the very serious issues that we contend with here, something like this does give us an opportunity for levity, as I stated. There can be humor on the floor of the Legislature. But to the public official recognition by the Legislature may be accorded more significance than it really merits. So a resolution of this kind, which is not related to our internal operations but is being directed to the public at large, the amendment that I'm offering would not be offensive to anybody. If you put the square dance as an official dance, then I'm sure every other group is going to say to their senator, I want you to have our dance specifically recognized, so Senator Vrtiska would then perhaps have to come in with a resolution. Senator Lynch would have to come in with a resolution. I don't mean you couldn't tell them no. So when I say these senators by name, I'm not indicating that they would necessarily do it. But these groups might feel justified in trying to have some senator bring in a resolution to give them the same status and recognition that is given to this dance that is mentioned in the resolution. So I'm offering this amendment which would take away the name of any specific dance and recognize any dance and every dance that is performed by any person in Nebraska as an official dance.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. There's been a request by the introducer to pass over the resolution. If there's no objection to that, so ordered. We'll then move on to LB...Item number 6, General File, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 331 was a bill originally introduced by Senator Wehrbein at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11 of this year, at