

would urge the adoption.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Hall would move to amend the committee amendments. His amendment is on page 9.6 of the Journal. (See AM0668.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President, members. The amendment to the committee amendment merely does this, and I know Senator Kristensen is going to have an opportunity to open on the resolution shortly, but the resolution was a model that frankly was done thinking that a bicameral system would be used for adoption, and what the committee amendment, or my amendment to the committee amendment does, it says, changes presiding officer to speaker. In every other body in the country, a bicameral system, the presiding officer would select those legislators who would go to the conference. In Nebraska, because we have a unicameral system, the presiding officer is the Lieutenant Governor, and as much as I adore the Lieutenant Governor and respect her ability, the problem with the separation of powers in terms of letting the executive branch choose the legislators who would attend, I think, runs afoul of the intent of the resolution as it was drafted for other states. So it merely recognizes that the need for the speaker as opposed to the presiding officer as it relates to Nebraska and our unique Unicameral. With that, I would urge adoption of the amendment to the committee amendment. Had it been something that was not overlooked in committee, I am sure it would have been incorporated as part of the committee amendments. That's why I offered it as an amendment to those. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Discussion of the Hall amendment, Senator Kristensen, do you wish to speak to the Hall amendment?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, Madam President, and members of the Legislature, I have no objection to what Senator Hall is doing. I certainly think that it doesn't violate the spirit of what the resolution was intended to do, perhaps customizes it a little bit more, and I would support his amendment. Thank you.