

not nearly what I would like to see. Senator Witek's amendments that she offered came much closer to what I would like to see us put into the resolution, and I assure you, although it's after the fact, I did not have a lot of additional amendments that I would add. When those who are calling this group together have made it clear time, after time, after time, the two major ideas they were going to push for and Senator Witek's amendments dealt with those two proposals, and even those who did not agree to her amendment said that the two proposals were not sensible, why could we not then put the language of her amendments into this resolution to make it clear that our delegation need not be looked to for votes on those proposals. Yeah, they can talk about it all they want to and listen all they want to, but the instructions are that they will not vote on those proposals so don't twist their arm, don't try any of the pressure tactics because they were given their instructions based on what is deemed to be in the best interest of this state. But we can't get it done. We cannot amend the resolution. Now, those who have the power, for whatever reason, to prevent us from amending this resolution in Nebraska are not going to have the power when they go out there to Philadelphia to stop those people from doing what they have in mind. You all remember the story of all the little mice running around and the cat was catching them. So one of them decided, well, we can avoid this if we can know when the cat is coming. And they said, how are we going to know when the cat is coming? They agreed that somebody should put a bell on the cat, and they all were whooping and hollering like my colleagues are, and said, oh, that's a wonderful idea. Then the old mouse, as always happens, it's an old mouse but I'm going to make it an old "moussess", a lady mouse, whatever they are called, maybe a "meesse"; an old "meesse" said, who will bell the cat? And all of them suddenly realized that that was something they had not thought about. Who is going to go from this Legislature and stand up to that kind of pressure, far away from home, around strangers and among strangers, when we cannot stand on this floor, which is our territory, our workplace, and do those things which we know appropriately ought to be done. If we are afraid to stand where everybody is more or less an ally, why should we expect anybody to stand when surrounded by strong, formidable adversaries? It will not happen. And you know what the story will be when they come back? We were outvoted. Why beat our head against the wall when we knew we couldn't do anything? And then I will just pull out this transcript and write a little rhyme. In fact, I'm starting on it now, believe it or not, and the refrain is going to be, "I