

the administrative framework to allow regulation of water to provide all parties with the full amount of their annual allocations for beneficial consumptive use. I would hope that all of you would join with me in adopting this amendment and allowing this to go forward. We all recognize that if the Republican River Compact meets, decides to try to make amendments, that it will take quite a length of time. After particular amendments are proposed by the Compact Commission, then they would need to be ratified by each of the three states that are signatories to the compact, Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska. If all approve of the changes that might be proposed to the compact, then that would have to be ratified by Congress. And in the meantime, we could start laying good groundworks in the Republican River basin to satisfactorily distribute the water so that we could know in advance how much we owe everybody and everybody owes us. And I would certainly ask your support for the ratification of this legislative resolution to be sent to the Department of Water Resources and the Governor. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you. Senator Elmer. Senator Bromm would like to announce that there are 40 fourth graders and two teachers here from Christ the King School in Omaha. They are in the north balcony. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, Senator Chambers would move to amend.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers to open on his amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, what name were you going to give? I was just curious.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Amendment, Senator Amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, that would be appropriate. Members of the Legislature, this amendment would every place in the resolution which says Republican, that would be stricken and the word nonpartisan would be inserted. I think if Senator Elmer is coming to ask everybody to join in this resolution, to have that word Republican capitalized is a bit much. Now if he wanted to change it to "Repelican" I would agree to that. But under all the circumstances, I think my amendment is good, but let me ask