

SPEAKER WITHEM: The resolutions are adopted. I'd like to introduce some guests in the north balcony, who appear to be leaving here at the moment, and we'll get them introduced. From the Center for Great Plains Studies, subject of one of the resolutions, that introduced by Senator Crosby, we have Dr. Ann Mari May and Linda Ratcliffe. Thank you for joining us here today. And prior to moving to the next item of business, I would like to draw...members, could please take your seats and have some attention to the next set of introductions. We have over the last few years kind of changed the manner in which we recognize our former members of this institution, and I see one of them who never made a roll call, I don't think, when he was here, and he's just barely here on time at this point coming into the Chamber. Actually, that's not true. I know Senator Lamb was always very prompt when he was here. Would like to spend a few minutes here recognizing those who've served in the body before who I think they come down here every time a year about this time to remember why it is that they are no longer members of the Legislature, and coming here this time of year would probably reinforce, at least for those who became members of this club on a voluntary basis. Would like to take a few minutes and have those members who are with us, and like I indicated when Senator Lamb came in, that the former members are probably as good about being here promptly on time as the current members are, but I will introduce those members whose names I had on the list as it was circulated a few moments ago. We've had a couple of additions to that. If we miss some people, I apologize for that, and we'll give you an opportunity to stand and introduce...introduce yourselves. First of all, we have Senator, former Senator Ray Powers from Omaha, Ray; former Senator Elroy Hefner; former Senator Tom Kennedy; former Senator Harry Chronister; former Senator Don Wagner; former Senator Wiley Remmers; former Senator Tom Fitzgerald; former Senator Merle VonMinden; former Senator Lowell Johnson, current member of the Public Service Commission; former Senator Don Elrod, formerly from Grand Island; former Senator Ross Rasmussen; and as long as we are doing the Rasmussens, former Senator Dennis Rasmussen; former Senator Don McGinley, and former Lieutenant Governor; former Senator Ralph Kelly, also Grand Island; former Senator Bill Burrows; former Senator Wayne Ziebarth; former Senator Calista Hughes; former Senator Dick Maresh; former Senator Stan Portsche; former Senator Willard Waldo; former Senator Howard Peterson; former Senator Howard