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waives closing. The question before the body is adoption of the Engel LR 454. All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Have you all voted on the motion who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 mays on the adoption of the resolution, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. Members, we will stand at ease for just a few minutes. Members, please stay close if you can. In my last minute in the chair, I'd hate to come and get you all.

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SENATOR CUDABACK: Members, if everybody will come to attention. Mr. Clerk, please, resolutions.

CLERK: Mr. President, a series of resolutions as per, identified on the agenda, the first resolution is LR 445 offered by Senator Howard.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Each member will be authorized to open on the resolution, and we will take a vote on all of them as one group. Senator Howard.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. This resolution was offered to honor two individuals who are longtime foster parents for the state of Nebraska and Nebraska Children's Home. They have taken countless numbers of children who are wards of the state into their home and treated them as if they were their own. I worked with them for many, many years and they personally took children from my caseload who were handicapped, special needs. And again, I will say to you, they treated them as if they were their own. They have now retired from providing foster care, but I certainly recommend them as...

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may continue, Senator Howard.

SENATOR HOWARD: ... as foster parents and individuals who are