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When this bill was introduced before the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee no one appeared against the bill. This was a request last year, from these students, to Senator Richard Fellman who is no longer in our body, but he is sitting in the South . . . under the South balcony. I'd like to recognize him. Senator Fellman.

PRESIDENT: Senator Savage. Former Senator Fellman is now a consultant with the school and he is in the balcony with the students.

SENATOR SAVAGE: I am taking over this bill at the request of Senator Fellman. There was . . . nobody appeared against it. He appeared for it in the committee hearing this year. It was moved by unanimous consent out on the floor by the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee.

PRESIDENT: Any further discuss on? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, colleagues, when this bill first came up last session I thought it was a lark and was, in mind, treating it that way. I was part of the butterfly group, I wasn't a honey bee proponent. When this didn't move, we did pass a motion to make the honey bee the state insect. When I got a letter from Senator Fellman, of whom I have deep respect for his intellectual ability, his integrity, and his ability to move things along. When Senator Fellman wrote to me a very personal letter, almost all words correctly spelled, I thought by gosh if Dick really wants this he'll get my vote. Therefore, I support Senator Savage's motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I too support this bill, LB 15. If you will look directly above me here, when this chamber was designed the bee was considered and they inlaid the bee in the ceiling of the Unicameral chamber. I think we should give this bill favorable consideration. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is probably not the most psychological time that I could rise for a principle. I have a principle . . . and if I'm the only one here that is going to vote against this bill, I'm going to do it. If your principle is for this, that's alright and I think it will be. I'm attacking no one for their point of view. I have consistently, for all my time in here, been against this type of bill. I don't care what the bill called for today, if it was a lady bug, the grasshopper, or whatever it was I'd oppose it. Senator Luedtke and I, to try to stop this type of thing, introduced the grasshopper bill a few years ago, because we thought we could debunk this type of legislation. When I went to withdraw the bill I had a tough time keeping it from passing. It would suffice to say that the grasshopper, of course, has a lot to do with our history, the early day of the settling of the state, and it is native to this state. We were not . . .