

Senator Johnson for the motion to adopt the resolution.
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SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, it is a very straightforward resolution. The Nebraska Legislature will have to represent its interests in the Nebraska Supreme Court in connection with the impeachment of Paul Douglas that the Nebraska Legislature supported yesterday. Now we represent our interest through the selection of a counsel who presents the case for the Legislature. Richard Kopf has been the counsel to the Special Commonwealth Committee, was retained in early January of 1984. Mr. Kopf has done a lot of matters for the Commonwealth Committee, but most importantly, Mr. Kopf did prepare for the Committee the hearings regarding the Attorney General. Mr. Kopf is knowledgeable about the case. Mr. Kopf knows the case. Mr. Kopf has assisted the Committee and this body. Mr. Kopf is the right person for us to choose at this time. We have to make a choice right away because this matter comes up apparently for trial on March 26th. I would recommend Mr. Kopf be retained for this particular purpose. In addition, when one does an impeachment hearing, the Legislature needs to select case managers. Those are people who actually will sit in the court room in behalf of the Legislature. I have agreed to serve as one of the case managers. I asked Senator Jerry Warner if he would serve as the other case manager. Senator Warner agreed. I think in that respect we will have a balanced case manager. I did vote for the impeachment resolution. Senator Warner did not. I am a Democrat. Senator Warner is Republican. We are both members of the Commonwealth Committee. We know the issues. We have been around. It is a solid resolution. I do need to have it today so we can get the show on the road.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Johnson. We have two lights on, Senator Goodrich followed by Senator Carsten. Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, would Senator Johnson yield to a couple of questions?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.