

disorder that is met with doubt and confusion by both professionals and the general public. Many times those people who suffer from this disease really do not look sick and are often accused of being lazy, often accused of being drug abusers or alcohol abusers. Many of the people that actually suffer from this disease have never had it diagnosed because the professionals, many of them are not as aware of the disease as possibly they should be. And because of all those things, it seems appropriate to me that this Legislature attempt to bring some awareness of this crippling disease to the public of the State of Nebraska so that those people who suffer and have it diagnosed not only can be recognized as sufferers of this disease, but those people who possibly have not had it diagnosed will stand a better chance of having it diagnosed and hopefully getting the treatments, the drugs that will at least allow them to lead somewhat normal lives. So, with that, I would ask for the adoption of LR 86, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Myasthenia Gravis is a horrible disease, and it is one that I wasn't familiar with until approached to introduce this resolution. The whole intent of the resolution is to raise awareness of the disease and, hopefully, by supporting this and sending it around to the individuals listed on the resolution will help to raise the level of awareness to this crippling disease. It sounds like some real efforts are underway to do something about it. Senator Vickers did a nice job of summarizing those. I'd ask your support for the resolution.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I would like to express my appreciation to Senators Wesely and Vickers for bringing this resolution to the legislative body. It is an educational tool for us too. I have two friends who have Myasthenia Gravis. I've seen what it does and I appreciate the continuing efforts to educate all of us and to push for more research in this field. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, did you wish to speak again?