

about. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam Chairman, members of the Legislature, I have provided you with some good tasting popcorn, I hope, this morning. This is National Agriculture Week and my family farm does produce popcorn in contract with Weaver Popcorn Company out of Indiana. Indiana does out-produce Nebraska in popcorn, but I think we're gaining on them because we have an ideal climate and popcorn has to be harvested at a very dry rate of moisture. We have a much drier climate than Indiana, but we also have irrigation which creates a very consistent product because we don't have to worry about drought. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schrock. We will proceed with the legislative resolutions. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, the first resolution this morning, Senator Dierks offers LR 68. It's found on page 1025 of the Journal.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I'm very pleased this morning to bring this resolution to the body to recognize Richie Ashburn who is a native of Tilden, Nebraska, and who I had as a referee during my basketball playing days in high school, back in Ewing. We always were very pleased to know that Richie was going to officiate a game because we knew we were all going to get a fair shake. He was very fair and we all enjoyed his officiating. And the man has been waiting for years to be made a member of the Hall of Fame, Baseball Hall of Fame. We've tried for some time to support that, and he finally made it. He's noted for having a lifetime .308 batting average, 2,574 base hits and 2 National League batting titles. He was an excellent base runner, he...I think he had a stolen base record at one time or another, too. And I've known some of his family since then. His brother, Bob Ashburn, has been...worked with us in constructing a new building at our school system a number of years ago. So I'm asking that you support this resolution and I welcome any comments or questions. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Dierks. For discussion on...Senator Wesely, would you like to introduce LR 75.