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year...this year the winner of the Pioneer Award is Ruth M. Amen, who lives...a Lincoln resident who has given lots of time and money to very worthwhile projects including, Senator Crosby, the Lincoln Symphony Association. And finally, the Wagonmaster Award this year goes to Admiral Charles R. Larson, who is currently serving as the 55th Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy. The Legislature is not bestowing these awards. These awards have been bestowed by the Nebraskaland Foundation, and we are simply offering our congratulations to these individuals with LR 76, 77, and 78.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: And...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: ...Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...and I've also been informed of a very important piece of information here that Admiral Larson is a relative of...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Senator Jensen.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...Senator Jensen.

SENATOR ROBINSON: And he may not even know it but I know it's true.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Oh, okay. So with that added piece of information would urge your support for these resolutions.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. I really appreciate Senator Withem bringing these three resolutions again on the Nebraskaland awards, and I think each person is certainly a worthy recipient. But I just want to speak, as he mentioned, very quickly about Ruth Amen and her family, because it's a very interesting family. Ruth Amen's parents came, Jacob Amen, from Russia, in the early 1900s. They are among the most prominent Germans from Russia families in the state of Nebraska, and they were allowed...they came because Catherine the Great had promised