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take, if we so chose, the tax off insulation. I suspect that, perhaps, we ought to. We have building codes that allow houses to be uninsulated. We allow them to have no storm doors, storm windows, et cetera, and it is estimated that a third of the fuel in the country is wasted. I was just wondering, are we going to have to wait clear until next year to get some type of legislation that would both benefit the people who are trying to conserve fuel and make others pay a higher price if they don't take such steps. I think we are in such a state now that we ought to give some thought to going beyond Resolutions and to passing legislation.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach, do you care to respond?

SENATOR BUREBACH: Senator Stahmer, I realize your concern and your interest and I think it is proper. However, I don't believe by Resolution we can do the things you were suggesting. I am afraid it is too late for a bill, so I would say now, if even in this Resolution..I don't.. didn't have in this Resolution, and by the way, this is not necessarily my Resolution, the entire membership of the Revenue Committee signed this Resolution. I thought a Committee where we would have a good cross section so no one could feel this was urban or rural or something. We are talking about transportation, industry, and agriculture, all phases of Nebraska but I think we purposely stayed away from recommending 50 miles, 55 or 60 miles speed limit. We're appealing to the people. I don't believe we could do this by Resolution to say, you cannot drive more than so much. You cannot have an exemption on the insulation. You cannot have this or can have this, but I believe we are just covering this in the broad aspect and let the Executive Department of government, Governor Exon, let him make a determination, if he wants to recommend 50 miles an hour or certain other things. He cannot recommend the forgiveness of sales tax on certain items to have people do this but I think it is only necessary that we appeal and make it aware..make it aware to the people of Nebraska what our problem is. And by the way, I would be hopeful that the news media of all sorts play this up because it is extremely important to everyone but only as a request, as a Resolution, and then, of course, if the proclamation does come from the Governor to let everyone in the state know this, several days in a row so they are aware of the problem.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Stahmer, do you want to be heard again?

SENATOR STAHMER: Well, I would only add I know we can't legislate in a Resolution. I was talking about the possibility of a bill yet but at the very least, I think we could perhaps add on to your Resolution that we would direct the units of government, especially in the cities, for instance, in their building codes to give even stricter consideration to insulation and et cetera and things of this nature in the future and that they also give more attention to those buildings that are improperly insulated when it comes to condemnation and things of this nature. I think there is a lot that the cities could be doing in conjunction with the utilities operations we are not now doing. I think they have a very lax attitude in this whole area and I think we could crank them up.

PRESIDENT: Before the chair now yields the floor to Senator Carpenter, I realize that there has been some criticism of this so I am going to go ahead anyway but it seems to me that the little visitors that we have to this Legislature, that it is terribly important that they have some recognition and I am going to introduce 25 Third through the Sixth Grade students from the Avoca Public Schools here and there are three adults that are with them this morning. Mrs. Cisco,