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SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature. I offer this resolution so that it can be decided this morning whether or not this legislative body wishes the state to go on daylight saving time as of January 6. Or whether we want to take one of the other options. Which..one of them I'm proposing here is where we place the whole state on mountain daylight time which would leave eastern Nebraska as it is now, and place western Nebraska one hour up. That is the option. If you..we need to know soon. We have a bill introduced by Senator DeCamp, you know, which the Legislature can do this exact thing. But it's my understanding that if we give this resolution, this motion 25 votes, that the Governor then will immediately appeal to the President and ..for this option. Therefore, I would like to have others comments on this. But my personal belief is that we should adopt this motion thereby placing Nebraska in one time zone which would place us on the same time as Denver. And we would be one hour difference from Kansas, and North - South Dakota, and Iowa. To give you an idea where we'd be. And in Omaha you would have the problem of one hour difference between Council Bluffs and Omaha which might actually, if you would look at it a little bit, it would only be 7:00 in Omaha, and 8:00 in Des Moines, or in Council Bluffs, in fact we might get an increase in business across because of that. So you ought to take a second look at this proposal.

PRESIDENT: We're debating the motion by Senator Waldron. Senator DeCamp is next to speak. And then Senator Duis.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This would be a rather rapid way to find out if the bill has any merit. If we get the 25 votes for Senator Waldron's motion. The request would go to the Governor immediately and it would also to to speak put the administration, the Governor in the position of immediately taking action to implement this by petitioning the President or whoever the proper person to petition is. It would then be an indication to the people of the state of Nebraska that the Legislature is apparently is going in this direction. And probably pass the forth coming bill. And we would know then that we shouldn't make hasty measures to change to the new time on Sunday. But I would support the motion for Senator Waldron, and would hope that we would have not only the 25, but possibly as many as 30 votes or more to implement this program. I think the idea of changing to this new time is possibly more cosmetic than practical in that it's done not so much to save enery, but to make people to think that we're all involved in working to solve the fuel crisis. When in fact, it may be causing more problems than it's solving.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: I want to second the motion to Senator Waldron. And I would ask Senator Waldron not to call this a resolution because I think according to the rules a resolution it would have to be laid over. And it is not.. I know, but when he got up and spoke he said resolution and I would like the reference made to it just as a motion. So that..and I thought I heard on television this morning that the Governor has made a request to left in the present time..situation of the federal government and that he had been denied. Now I may have been incorrect in hearing this report from the news media this morning, but I think in that case that it would be well if this body requested a copy of the request that he made and a copy of the answer that he got, before we made any action so that we might know what..what we can do and what we can't do because according to his letter that I received it's rather vague and indefinite. And I'm not positive just what we can do and what we can't do because according to his letter. But I'm certainly in favor of taking up Senator Waldron's motion.