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been adopted by the legislature but would have had no force or effect. It is just adopted is all. The only resolutions that have force in or affect are those that are contained in section 2 and 3.

SPEAKER PROUD: Senator Syas your motion was to suspend the rules, is that correct? Is that what your motion was?

SENATOR SYAS: Yes, I was told that that was the only way I could get this before the legislature. a

SPEAKER PROUD: That is fine...that....

SENATOR SYAS: But, if, IF, it hasn't been adopted, oh then why, if it hasn't been adopted and my side wins, it is not a state insect, then I would have to withdraw. I want that clear if it has been adopted or not. If Senator Duis is right by the 29 votes, we didn't do anything. We still lack a state insect, is that right Senator Duis?

SENATOR DUIS: According to my understanding, until I am overruled, I will say that we have not done anything as of yet.

SPEAKER PROUD: I recognize the Senator from west Omaha, Senator Fellman.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if you would allow me as the author and the co-sponsor with senator Cal Carsten of this resolution, I would like to for a moment address myself to my good friend George Syas, under present terminology of north Omaha, I suppose, north-west Omaha. I would like to tell Senator Syas and other members of this legislature that I am terribly, terribly sorry that the grave matter of whether or not the honey bee should be the state insect has already taken up five to ten minutes of debate in the closing days of this session. I am responding only because Senator Syas opened up the door. You will recall that a quiet piece of paper was passed around yesterday. It obtained over 25 signatures as a resolution and was submitted. There it would have died, a peaceful death without sweetness, without honey, without stinging anybody, but for Senator Syas. I am frankly a little bit surprised at Senator Syas who rises day in and day out talks about the waste of time and talks about how we should get our work done, talks about being conscientious and belittles everyone and discusses how everyone should get down to business then takes a matter of importance like this, a matter of state, and does what Senator Dirckson used to do with the marigold. Only I am in the position of doing that and I have refrained. Now I did not want to open up this debate. I did not intend to make this the official state insect, because although I haven't been here for 22 years, that that takes a legislative bill, and I also know that it is too late in the session, even though I am here only for my second year, to try and get a legislative bill passed. I merely had a resolution drawn up, and I was impressed with the ground swell of opinion that belongs originally to a child in Auburn, who wrote asking me if I thought the Lady Bug should be the state insect and I think that the children from that class in Auburn wrote many of you. I responded and said that I don't know much about the lady bug but I'll write Glenn Krusher the Director of the Department of Agriculture, and I did. I send a copy to Cris Ebler the child in the third grade in Auburn. Then I received a letter