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back from Mr. Krusher saying that there were too many varieties of the lady bugs, and he suggested that the honey bee would be better because evidently unknown to Senator Syas who would probably prefer other insects, I am told that that he likes the grasshopper, which I can't vote for because my ancestors were plaged by the grasshoppers in Egypt and many of your ancestors were plaged by the grasshoppers on the plains and I think that possibly Senator Syas coming from French Huguenot ancestry as he does might vote for the wasp. I know that there are those of us a delegation from south Omaha from the near north side of Omaha and those of us that left Egypt with Mosses, there are many of us who would not want the wasp to be officially proclaimed the state insect. Today Senator Syas raises the issue of wanting a state insect. Gentlemen, I don't think that there is one of us in the room that has native ancestors to North America. Now Senator Syas can trace his....oh, I'm sorry, I'm sorry. I don't know of anyone who has

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pure native ancestories a...a...now let me get back and tell you the rest of the story. I wrote a letter back to this child down there in Auburn and I was really ready to let the whole thing die a peaceful death. One Sunday about 2 or 3 weeks ago I was sitting at home and received a phone call from a man who identified himself as a constituent. Now even though I am not a candidate for election, I would certainly not refuse a constituent. I'm paid very well to listen to my constituents especially when this man said that he was the editor of the Nebraska Honey Producers monthly newsletter. He lived about 2 blocks, or within a few blocks from my home. He came over to me and asked what I thought about the honey bee. I told him that it is very strange that you should ask, I have got a letter and a whole stack of correspondence, and he said you know the honey producers of Nebraska are interested in calling attention to honey and it is Nebraska rates fifth or sixth in the nation among honey producers, the cash crop of honey in Nebraska is worth over four million dollars a year for those of you that suffer from allergies there are some doctors who say if you will take a spoonful of honey, natural honey from your own area, within a ten mile radius you can achieve a natural immunity better than the shots and the injections that the allergist gives you. Having heard all of this I decided to prepare a resolution and I did it and again I was worried with all of these bills that I didn't want to waste time, as Senator Syas now wants to do. I let the thing sit on my desk, and then about two weeks ago Yvonne Leung who is the lobbyist for the Women's Lobby was in my office downstairs and she was talking to me about the divorce bill and I recall that she had pushed me about the ERA and other measures and I told Yvonne that there is a bill on my desk or a resolution on my desk having to do with the honey bee, now if you were so much for women, understanding the peculiar role of the honey bee and the relation to feminism and womens liberation and the role of the female you ought to get behind this bill. She thought that I was laughing and I said that no, I am very serious in fact Yvonne, this divorce bill that you are interested in is coming up and if you don't get behind this I might withdraw that bill and all the children who get child support will be hurt for another two years. Yvonne responded very delightfully to me