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SPEAKER PROUD: Well he is out of order. I am going to ask you to discipline yourselves. Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I am very concerned about this particular issue. First of all I would ask Senator Fellman what does this do for winters, and secondly I think that this issue has become so important in this body that certainly we can't make the decision and it ought to go on the ballot. I'll prepare a constitutional amendment if there is a bill up there that we can do something with.

SPEAKER PROUD: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. Speaker all of the talking that is going around this morning this would be a good time to make a motion to adjourn sine die and go home. We would leave the people of the state in a very good mood. I rise to support Senator Syas at least in his question of clarification. I would like you to all not that on page three of the Omaha World Herald this morning by AP dispatch, it notes that this legislature has officially designated the Honey Bee as its state insect. So Senator Fellman's comment that he expected this to just die as all bees do in a rather short time, this isn't going to be the case here. We have managed to mislead the people of the state of Nebraska and in fact he didn't expect this to be a serious thing. I support Senator Syas' question as to the clarification of the whole thing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cal Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I feel compelled to rise and support my action as a co-signer of the resolution. This idea of the honey bee was brought to me a while back by the National Honey Queen, who happens to live in my district. Miss Chery Burkhart of Nebraska City. Her grandfather is a past state president of the Honey Bee Association and has been in the honey business all of his life. We do have a lot of honey bees in Nebraska, it is a big contribution to the economic welfare and it is a health food. I believe that we are considering something here and whether it is effective or not, I have to say this Mr. President, if I may. When I made or named the cottonwood the state tree by statute, I did find out that our state tree was not heretofore but by resolution. Even though it may not have been official, or whatever you want to regard it as Senator Syas, it was adopted and accepted, by the people of Nebraska as such. I am sure that would be the consequence of this resolution. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas, is closing.

SENATOR SYAS: I'll be very brief, Senator Carstens is right you could do this by resolution or statute, that is absolutely right, I knew that years ago. I used to raise bees and I still have a hive but no bees in it, for the simple reason that they are fascinating animals as I said, but I was one of those individuals who once in while when I would look at the comb, and I would pinch one of them and they would sting me she would sting me rather, they are unsexed females, I don't know if you know that or not. The only female in the hive that can actually lay eggs is the queen bee and you do have some drones and his life is rather short and useless and I am telling you the truth, I know a little bit about that, I'll tell you this one too. Two queen bees, they feed them the royal jelly the working bees and