

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 Nays Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: That amendment is adopted. Senator Marvel back to you. While we are waiting for Senator Marvel's next amendment the Chair would like the privilege of introducing 30 fourth grade students from Millard, Nebraska. They are in the south balcony. They are from Senator Dickinson's area. We are glad to have you here today as observers of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. It sure beats going to school right? OK, if you look up here on the board behind me you will see that we are discussing LB1054 which is one of the very important budget bills before the legislature. Also on this side it indicates that there are only 8 days or legislative days remaining. The Senators are planning on staying in session this evening for a night session. That should prove very interesting. Any other amendmetns to 1054?

CLERK: That is all of the committee amendments. The next amendment to be considered is an amendment offered by Senator Richard Maresh which is found on page 1317 of the Legislative Journal. All of the first 17 amendments are found in the Journal. Page 1317.

PRESIDENT: Alright Chair recognizes Senator Richard Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment calls for an appropriation of the \$55,000 to intensify the soybean research at the Agriculture College here at the University of Nebraska. This will provide for one full time assistant professor, two technicians, and then \$4,000 for hourly salaries and the rest will go for operations, equipment and supplies. I have found that soybeans nation wide are the leading research crops. The yield has been reflecting this lack of research. Soybeans have increased in yield by only one-third of a bushel in the last twelve. In comparison to corn, milo, and wheat, this is drastically low. So, I would like to tell you that this is supported by the new Vice Chancellor that is coming here April 1st, Dwane Auker and also by Dean Ottoson of the Ag. College and Dr. Hanaway who is in charge of the research. I think that this will, pardon me, it was also supported by the soybean growers association. Nebraska Soybean Growers Association. The president of the association and the vice-president of the association send me letters supporting this move. I think that this will increase the yield and also soybeans are getting to be more and more important. In this time when the fertilizer is very short, at this time when fertilizer is a problem, I would like to tell you that soybeans do not require a fertilizer application. I think that it is very important that we try and come up with higher yields and one of the things that I would like to see stressed is to see that the soybeans would grow higher off the ground. The present time the varieties are set real close to the ground and there is a heavy field loss when harvested. If we could get these soybeans to grow higher from the ground and be able to

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