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we would like to join many other states and cities, sending resolutions to Washington so that hopefully either H.R. 3712 will be amended or might be killed in committee. I hope you will support this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion on LR 99. If not, all those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. Resolution, LR 99 is adopted. Proceed then with LR 105, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 105 was introduced by Senator Johnson, Fowler, Hoagland, Brennan, Newell, Fitzgerald, Landis, Lewis, Wesely and Koch. (Read LR 105.) Mr. President, that resolution may be found on page 2030 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I should indicate in advance that this resolution was prepared by Senator David Newell who is, I don't believe is going to be here this morning. I talked to Senator Newell, I got a call at about seven o'clock from the Nebraska Methodist Hospital. His wife is now in labor and the baby will probably arrive sometime during session today. Senator Newell did indicate, however, if anything important came up I should let him know so he could drive right down here and miss the labor and the birthing and vote on the issue. This particular resolution is one that says simply that we are instructing the Board of Regents to take a hard look at providing cash awards to meritorious academic faculty members in the university system and we are also indicating to the Board of Regents that we intend for them to provide the 7% cost of living increase to all permanent faculty persons. Now as you may recall, we have had some discussion over the last few days concerning the across the board 4% increase allowed to all university employees in our LB, I believe it was 585, although I can't recall the precise bill number and the advantages and disadvantages of a 4% system with a 3% discretionary allowance. What the function of this resolution is is to say simply that we basically prefer the 7% payout plus some additional cash awards from whatever money the Board of Regents can find to recognize the meritorious faculty members. I would encourage the body to vote for the resolution.