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LR 1

SPEAKER MARVEL: What page?

CLERK: Page 74 for the resolution and page 1461 for the report.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body. As you are all well aware LR 1 was adopted on one of the first days of the legislature and the committee was chosen by the Exec Board, the committee members were basically Senator Hasebroock who is vice chairman of the committee, Senator Marvel, Senator Kelly, Senator Kremer and Senator Marsh. The committee met on a number of occasions and adopted rules. I think that I will be very brief and explain just some of the highlights of the rules that we worked on under terms of trying to determine who would be, excuse me, Senator Rumery was also a member of the committee. Boy, I'm going to catch a lot of heck for that. I'm sorry Myron. The rules on which we adopted were basically suggested by many members of the body during the first opening days of the...when the resolution was adopted. They made numerous suggestions at that time. Senator Warner made some suggestions as to who should be honored, what criteria should be used and basically what the committee did was, it limited a couple of the key rules here, is that no person who served as Governor shall be eligible since the Hall of Governors exists downstairs, that only those who made significant contributions to Nebraska's political history and are deceased shall be eligible for such an honor. The reason for this is very clear. There was some criticisms by the Lincoln papers that felt that this was self engrandizement and we wanted to make sure that we satisfied the Lincoln Journal. And, also the members of the committee felt that this would create less problems here on the floor with the proposals. Some of the other proposals was that, one of the other major proposals is that we would not recognize those individuals who were already significantly recognized in the state. Such as having public buildings as Senator Carpenter and others. Also during the selection process an unwritten rule became part of the logic and that was that Stan Matzke was running for Mayor and we felt that it was inappropriate to suggest Stan's father, Stan Matzke, Sr. and Senator Warner's father was also excluded because of Senator Warner's prominence in the body. I think that was a logical decision although it was one that members of the...members of the body would at least understand, I hope. The recommendations are simply, are simply this. We did exclude also all those who were not, did not make contributions, were not political figures. The list that we asked for from the State Historical Society