

was a state representative. He was also a state legislator, he was U.S. Congressman, he was also a state legislator and he was the author of the famous Kinkaid Act which promoted settlement of western Nebraska in 1904 which basically allowed for an exemption from the 160 acres provision to allow for larger settlement of ranch lands and so forth. It promoted the rapid development of western Nebraska. Lastly but not leastly, 2102 the Executive Board Room was named after Gilbert Hitchcock. Gilbert Hitchcock was a U.S. Senator. He was a U.S. Congressman from 1903 to '05, a Senator from 1907 to 1911 and in 1911 to '13 was the leader of the Senate democrats in the United States Senate. He was a major supporter of the United States participation in the League of Nations. He was the founder of the Omaha World Herald which in itself is a very well known political organization in the state, I mean a newspaper in the state. These are the recommendations that the committee makes. I would also draw the attention that the committee deliberated long and hard on these recommendations. The proposals were made, consideration toward geography. It is well balanced in terms of geography. We have urban, we have rural, we have the major interests, economic and political interests taken care of. We also have a balance, three of the members happen to be active democrats and four members were active republicans, which sort of reflects the body's political makeup. I think the committee did an excellent job in making these recommendations. For that reason we ask that the body accept these recommendations so that we can proceed with honoring these individuals and adding greatly to the historical understanding perspective Nebraska citizens and those who will be moving through this great Capitol which we have tried so hard to preserve and to recognize its great political, social history and importance. With that, I ask the body to accept the committee's report so that we can proceed with the work involved in gathering the necessary pictures or portraits and making the plaques for the hearing rooms.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you move the adoption of your report?

SENATOR NEWELL: I do.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Nichol your light was on first and then Senator Kennedy. Do you wish to speak to the Newell motion to adopt the action of the committee?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. Senator Newell will you refresh my memory as to what we were going to do after we assigned these names to these rooms?