

the Mayflower Compact and the whole host of American political democratic literature that indicates that an individual should be able to choose and shape their destiny, and that is the problem in Washington D.C., and that is what is being shunted and ignored by the passage of LR 30. Let's face that issue directly with an affirmative resolution, and if we are not going to face up to it affirmatively, let's pass over this matter until we have a meaningful suggestion when we are acting about something rather than agreeing to do nothing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I agree with Senator Landis and with Senator Chambers. I think essentially what the Nebraska Legislature here is considering is a way for us to try and insult the people of Washington D.C. It has no legal impact, but what it is is somehow for us as a state to throw back anger at perhaps the federal government, but I think perhaps more essentially what Senator Chambers is talking about an insult to the black people of this country. Now it is not the issue of federal employees. If it was the issue of federal employees, the federal employees shouldn't be allowed to vote in Lincoln, Nebraska, a federal employee shouldn't be allowed to vote in Sacramento, California, a federal employee shouldn't be allowed to vote in Houston, Texas and a federal employee shouldn't be allowed to vote in Washington D.C. If that is the concern that somehow people who work for the government shouldn't be able to vote on who runs the government, that should be addressed that way. To say that some federal employees should have the right to vote and have the right for representation and other federal employees not just does not make logical sense. Now if you look at Washington D.C. even further, you would see that although perhaps much of the economies depend on the federal government the real decision makers, if you will, the upper echelon bureaucrats in large numbers live outside the district. They live across the river in Alexandria. They live in Maryland, Prince Georges County and so on. They take the metro system to get out of the district because they don't want to live there. There is a small enclave of white people within the district. If you know the design of Washington D.C. as laid out by L'Enfant, it was divided into quadrants, northwest, southwest, southeast and northeast. Of those four quadrants only one, the northwest, is really one where there are the upper income bureaucrats that you are talking about, or the Congressmen or the state department employees. Again, large numbers of those live outside the district. But the other three