

SENATOR LANDIS: I am the primary author of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: So you want to proceed with it? Why don't we just take it up then. Mr. Clerk, we will take up the resolution. Agenda #5, resolution, LR 1. We will take it up at this time.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 1 was offered by Senator Landis and Senator Chambers. It may be found on page 82 of the Legislative Journal. It reads as follows. (Read LR 1.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, it is a pleasure to introduce this legislation, this resolution on behalf of myself and Senator Chambers and at the request of constituents of mine in the 46th District. This resolution is inspired by a request from the Malone Community Center, an important community center in my area that services the needs of vast and important neighborhood and cultural area in the City of Lincoln. Martin Luther King Day is recognized by state law. I don't know if you are aware of Sections 84-104.02 and 84-104.03 but in fact, we do now by statute order the observance of Martin Luther King Day and commend to the Governor the rectitude of issuing a proclamation urging people to observe that day as well as requesting the State Department of Education to, with what limited funds they have, promulgate and distribute information about Martin Luther King to schools so that school children may learn about his most important, significant and accomplishment-filled life. Martin Luther King was instrumental in politics and in the seminal legislation of the sixties, the '65 Voting Rights Act and the '64 Civil Rights Act. He was also recognized by the award of the Nobel Peace Prize. I can't imagine a more fitting and significant accolade to be given to anyone but Martin Luther King was one of the only two Americans to be given that award in the entire decade of the sixties. I would commend to the Legislature the passage of this resolution in recognition of the life of Martin Luther King, a life that was marked by accomplishment, compassion and unswerving devotion to the attainment of social justice. I hope that the body will see fit to pass this resolution with a full majority and send it on to the Governor. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, do you wish to add anything at this time? Any further discussion then on LR 1? The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I have a question. Senator Landis, would this make this a legal holiday? In other words are state employees going to be paid for taking the day off or businesses going to be