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LR 21

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. The resolution is not adopted. Proceed then with the next resolution, LR 21, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 21 was introduced by Senator DeCamp and Senator Fowler. (Read.) Mr. President, that resolution is on page 647 of the Journal. It was referred to the Public Works Committee for a hearing. There are committee amendments pending by the Public Works Committee, Mr. President, and those amendments are on page 962. It simply states that the Clerk will send copies of the resolution to the Clerks of the other forty-nine Legislatures.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler as Vice Chairman and I think the Chairman is not here.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the amendment is really innocuous. It merely directs the Clerk to send the resolution to the other forty-nine Legislatures in the United States. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there anything further on the committee amendment? I take it, Senator Newell, you don't wish to speak, do you, to the committee amendments? All right. That will be your opening and closing, Senator Beutler, on the committee amendment. The motion before the House is the adoption of the committee amendment on Legislative Resolution 21. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Voting on the committee amendment to LR 21. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendment fails. Any other amendments?

CLERK: No, nothing further, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler, then, to discuss LR 21.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, LR 21 you will find on page 647 and 648 of your Journal. What the resolution does is to oppose the immediate decontrol of natural gas and to support the gradual decontrol which has been the previous policy. Now I have had handed out to you an article from the World Herald that a constituent provided me and that article indicates what would happen with regards to the natural gas costs in the State of Nebraska. The immediate decontrol would generally double gas prices in the state,