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LR 189

PRESIDENT: Did you give me the vote?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT: Okay. All right, LR 188 is adopted. The next legislative resolution is LR 189, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 189 was offered by Senators Newell, Wiitala, Higgins and Vard Johnson. (Read LR 189). Mr. President, that is found on 2282 of the Journal. I do have a motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion by Senator Newell. Senator Newell, I recognize you for your motion, LR 189.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I introduced LR 189 to this Legislature, and the primary purpose was to bring to this Legislature's attention and the public attention the issue of the North Freeway. Senator Chambers was most able and agile and managed to get this bill out of the Public Works Committee. Even though maybe not all members of the Public Works Committee are convinced that Senator Chambers' bill which would do away with the North Freeway is all that good of a measure, they advanced it to General File. Now I went to Senator Chambers and to other members of this Legislature and requested, and the members of the Public Works Committee requested that if they were insistent, and if they were insistent on living up to a commitment that they made to Senator Chambers to put the bill out, would they agree to have a public...or to bring the bill up this year so we can debate it because an important issue like this left on General File might give the wrong impression to the public and the people of the state, the people of Omaha that there is a chance for passage of this proposal. And so we had agreed and we got...we had gotten the Speaker to special order this issue, and, frankly, I thought the bill was going to come up. It was on the green sheet and then all of a sudden it wasn't on the green sheet. I talked to Senator Chambers and he said that for reasons of time he asked that it not be considered as a special order bill. Well, frankly, I think...personally, I think that is because Senator Chambers may not have felt he had the votes to advance the bill and that left me with nothing left to do since he is the introducer of the bill, he had the right to pull it off the special order. The only thing I could do is bring this resolution to the body. The motion that I have offered is a very simple motion. It would refer this resolution and Senator Chambers' bill, which would eliminate the North Freeway,