

PRESIDENT: The Chair takes pleasure in introducing a guest of Senator Nichol, under the South balcony, Mr. Vernon Allan of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, United Telephone Company of the West, Vice President of Public Affairs. Mr. Allan, would you show us your presence and welcome to your Unicameral. I'd also like to take this opportunity, I see her back there, Mrs. Norden, would you show us your presence. Pastor Norden's wife is sitting back there. I would like to introduce her to the Legislature. Welcome, Mrs. Norden. We're ready for agenda item #4, Resolutions. Ready, Mr. Clerk, for LR 208.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 208 offered by Senators Fowler, Vard Johnson and Chambers, found on page 402 of the Journal. (Read.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, my two cosponsors aren't here. If they are within listening distance I would urge them to come on up if they want to say anything on the resolution. I think it speaks simply for itself. It indicates that the Legislature would simply ask the Judiciary Committee to review a situation and circumstances at the penal complex and to give a report back. Ah, there is one of the cosponsors. Thanks, Vard. In no way is there any judgment within the resolution positive or negative, about activities at the penal complex or decisions with regards to the Director of Corrections and I want to stress that again. In no way does this resolution in one way or another express any opinion because I think not all information is available and for that reason, due to the seriousness of some of the allegations, due to the seriousness of the changes it was felt that it would be appropriate to have the committee that deals with our correctional area, the Judiciary Committee, the Law Enforcement and Justice Advisory Committee which is one and the same, to look at this at their own timetable and to report back if there is anything significant that they think should be shared with the Legislature. I think it is a real straightforward resolution and I think that this Legislature has a certain responsibility when a matter that appears as serious as this happened to at least have one of its committees make a review and provide information back and that is the function of the resolution and I would move for its adoption.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson, would you like to add anything to Senator Fowler's introductory remarks?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, I would like to say, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I was approaching the floor when I did