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LR 219, 221

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I co-signed this resolution after Senator Lamb introduced it because of concern for a vital service such as this being pulled away from the State of Nebraska, and what are really, as Senator Lamb shows in the GAO report, phony cost accounting measures. There is really no significant savings if any savings at all and yet a service that is valuable to agriculture, valuable to the State of Nebraska will be removed. So I certainly hope that you support this resolution and the next resolution Senator Lamb and I have with regards to another vital government service.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on LR 219? Senator Lamb, do you wish any close? Closing is waived. The question before the House is the adoption of LR 219. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. LR 219 is adopted. We can take up I think maybe very quickly LR 221, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would ask unanimous consent to add his name to 220 as co-introducer.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely requests unanimous consent to add his name to LR 221, is there any objection? If not, so ordered.

CLERK: LR 220 (sic) offered by Senators Lamb, Fowler and Wesely. (Read.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb, Senator Fowler, excuse me.

SENATOR FOWLER: Yes, we are reversing the order on this one.

PRESIDENT: Reversing the order, Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay. The service we are talking about here is the weather stations at Valentine and Lincoln, one of which is going to be closed this spring and the next one projected to be closed next year. The same type of issue as we had previously, the cost savings is minimal, the loss of service is great. In the case of agriculture, aviation and so on, many vital weather services and vital