

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senators Johnson and Wagner, I am pleased to participate with you in this event. I believe that all of us recognize the importance of a new industry to Nebraska. We do have scheduled at five o'clock this afternoon in the conference room in my office a gathering of individuals who are interested in the production and promotion of popcorn as a new crop. Senator DeCamp had indicated that he didn't want to encourage any new production, Senator Johnson, because we produce popcorn and we would just like to encourage the utilization of it and sort of keep the corner on the production end of it but as it stands now, we think there is a new industry there. We think that we have an opportunity to expand this production tremendously. I think once again Nebraska is in the leadership position and hopefully we will keep it. It is an area which may not be quite as glamorous as some of our other number one positions but it may be more beneficial economically. In view of some of the other dark economic predictions we see around this capitol and across the State of Nebraska I think it is fine to have one bright economic spot in the State of Nebraska, that is that those individuals who are engaged in the production of popcorn last year showed a substantial profit as a direct contrast to those who are engaged in the production of commercial corn and livestock.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wagner, do you wish to be recognized? We're still speaking on a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR WAGNER: Right on, Mr. Speaker. I will make it short. I would encourage anybody that has the interest in popcorn or popcorn production here in the State of Nebraska in our foreign markets to attend that meeting this afternoon but I would like to let you know that Senator Johnson and I through the summer, we took the better kernels of popcorn from his area, my area, we crossbred them and we have come up with just a real wonderful popcorn sample this year and so instead of doing a little battle we have come together and joined forces and so this is what we have here today. Enjoy the popcorn.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are seeking Senator Lamb and Senator Koch and while we are having people move in so we can complete the assignment, it is my privilege to introduce Dorothy Beutler, Senator Beutler's mother, Jack Beutler, father, grandmother, Marie Beutler, cousin, John Heinrman. Are you folks underneath the North balcony? Would you stand. There you are. We welcome you to the Unicameral. Mr. Sergeant at Arms, we're looking for Senator Koch and Senator Lamb. Senator Beutler, do you want to proceed with the roll call? The motion is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to LB 634.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote as found on pages 728-729 of the Legislative Journal.) (Read verification of vote.)
21 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President.