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LB 211

Mr. President, finally I have Reference Report referring LBs 967 and 968 as well as Reference Report on gubernatorial appointments made previously.

PRESIDENT: We are ready then for agenda item #4, resolutions. LR 211, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 211 offered by Senators Beutler and Marsh, found on page 497 of the Legislative Journal. (Read LR 211.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this resolution I am introducing at the request of the Lincoln Public School systems, and I am delighted to do so. I would like to read to you basically just a couple of paragraphs from a letter I received from John Prasch who is our Superintendent of Schools, and Judy Zangari, who works with Sex Equity. "Dear Senator Beutler: We are writing to encourage you to again carry to the floor of the State Legislature the enclosed resolution for National Womens History Week 1982. The week of March 7th through 13th, 1982 will be celebrated across the country as National Womens History Week this year, the result of the work of hundreds of women and men united in their efforts to bring recognition to the too often overlooked contributions of over half of the population. The United States Congress has already passed a resolution for 1982 National Womens History Week. We will focus the celebrations of Womens History Week in the Elementary and Secondary School. When school children, both girls and boys, learn about the lives of women throughout history, they invariably gain a wider sense of our diverse national culture. They also begin to view their own lives within a historic context to see themselves anew as makers of history rather than as its passive subjects, and most importantly, they increase their awareness of the options open to them as they become adults. This increased awareness inevitably leads to more informed and purposeful involvement in public affairs. This same response happens time after time to the adult community members who participate in the National Womens History Week events. The week containing March 8th is appropriate for designation as this National Womens History Week because of that day's internationally accepted significance as International Womens Day commemorating the involvement of women in every aspect of human life. This week's celebrations begin on Sunday and end on Saturday so