

March 3, 1982

LR 227, 228

PRESIDENT: Motion carries and LR 227 is adopted. Next item is LR 228.

CLERK: Mr. President, first of all, Senator Kilgarin would like to add her name to 228 as coinstructor.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kilgarin asks unanimous consent to add her name to LR 228, are there any objections? Hearing none, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 228 offered by Senator Labeledz and Wiitala. (Read.) Mr. President, the resolution is found on page 803 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I am certain that most of us are aware and all of us should be aware that Safeway Stores, Incorporated has announced its plans to close its stores in eastern and central Nebraska and that is going to happen on March 27th. Those cities losing the stores include Omaha and Lincoln, Lexington, Holdrege, Broken Bow, Ravenna, Grand Island, Geneva, Fairbury, Beatrice, Crete, Central City, O'Neill, Norfolk, West Point, Columbus, Wahoo, Falls City, Auburn, Nebraska City, and Fremont. These closings will cause a great economic impact to those communities and to the State of Nebraska and its citizens. Senator Wiitala and myself ask your support of this resolution which asks that Safeway Stores, Incorporated reconsider its decision to close the stores. There is going to be 1600 employees of Safeway Stores who are employed in the State of Nebraska and will be directly affected by the closings. This would amount to about a \$25 million total wages paid to those employees in 1981. I ask for the adoption of this resolution.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I heartily support the resolution, and if Senator Labeledz can save Falstaff, she certainly should have no trouble saving Safeway.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Labeledz, do you have any retort to that? As a closing, I mean.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Nothing, but I will go to Oakland if I have to.

PRESIDENT: Okay, motion then is the adoption of LR 228. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.