

Council of State Government. Miss Thrall, would you and Dave Nichols stand up. Dave Nichols is the Staff Associate of Midwestern Office of the Council of State Governments. These two people are helping us with our trip to Washington and organizing it and getting the facts and figures and program and meetings and so forth organized. So I am very happy to introduce them to you this morning and would you welcome them to our Legislature, please.

PRESIDENT: We hope you enjoy your stay here and as President of the Legislature and Lieutenant Governor I hope to meet you later today. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, do you have some matters for the record or are you ready for LR 42?

CLERK: I am ready for LR 42, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Very good. Proceed.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 42 offered by Senator Smith and a number of the members. (Read.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith. May we have order please? Just a minute, Senator. (Gavel.) Order in the Chamber. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, I rise today to pay tribute to a very special Nebraska woman and to offer a resolution commemorating her life, her accomplishments and her generous contributions to the good life of the State of Nebraska. Eva Bowring was the first woman from Nebraska to serve in the United States Congress. She was appointed to the United States Senate by Governor Robert Crosby in April of 1954. She served for only seven months, but she will be remembered for more than short term in Congress. Eva Bowring was a Cherry County rancher. She operated her 8,300 acre Bar 92 ranch since the death of her husband, Arthur, in 1944. She insisted on staying on the land that was her home and operating the ranch until her death at age 92. In the words of a newspaper editorial printed after her death earlier this month, "She was an indomitable person who refused to be sold short because she was a woman." When faced with the loss of her first husband in 1924 she took a job as a traveling saleswoman and when her second husband died she took over the ranch. She managed the ranch as a self-contained unit, refusing to buy