

Committee underneath the north balcony now, Public Health and Welfare, north balcony, immediately.

SPEAKER NICHOL: If I could have your attention a minute, ladies and gentlemen, I would like to introduce special guests of Senator Richard Peterson's and mine under the south balcony. We have with us this morning Kathy Ellis and her son, Casey Ellis, and her daughter Rylie Ann Ellis. Would you please stand and be recognized. Mr. Ellis is my wife's nephew, so if you visit with them over there, please say kind things about me, would you? Thank you. Glad to have you with us. Now we will move on to resolution number 50, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 50 found on page 532 of the Journal was offered by Senators Beyer, Withem, and Hartnett. (Read.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Gavel.) Could we have your attention. Senator Beyer is going to talk and we are a little bit noisy this morning, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you. Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, this is my fifth year down here and I think this is my fifth year of introducing this bill. This is one that in one end costs us some money, but in the other end, the volunteers that put in their time save us a tremendous amount of money in working with the youth of the community, not only urban, I mean not only rural but urban as well. So with that I would ask your support of this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion on the resolution? You have heard the explanation, all those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

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

SPEAKER NICHOL: The resolution is adopted. We move on to LB 179. Excuse me, I guess we are going to do some reports first.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the first report from the Retirement Systems Committee is found on page 507.