

SENATOR BEUTLER: What is the next item of business, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next item of business is a resolution offered by Senator Vickers and Senator Schmit. The resolution is found on page 885 of the Journal. (Read LR 63.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Not seeing Senator Schmit in the Chamber, I assume, Senator Vickers, that you would like to introduce the resolution.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, Senator Schmit and I introduced this resolution for the purpose of being able to have something for the members of this body that are going to be meeting with the President next week to deliver to the President as an indication that the Nebraska Legislature is willing and able to work with the current administration, work with the Congress to try to resolve some of the difficulties that we have in rural America. It seemed important to us that as the members of this body, who are going to be privileged to be meeting with the President next week, meet with him in a sense of representing this body, not only as individual members, but with the ability to have something in hand, and this resolution is that something in hand. As it states in the resolution, the last whereas, that the future health and stability of agriculture requires that the states and the federal government work in a partnership so that the members who are meeting with the President will be able to have this resolution, adopted by this membership, to indicate our backing of those members of this body meeting with the President in an effort to work together, which I think is an important part of this partnership that we've got as a national, United States government, made up of sovereign federal states. Under the...especially the impact that we've had the last few years, or the direction that we've been going to the new federalism that states play a bigger and bigger role in the directions that our nation is going. I think that is the history of this country. I think it is time that we recognized that and work with the federal government to try to resolve our differences. That is the reason for the resolution. I urge its adoption, Mr. President.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Harris.