

PRESIDENT: Very well. May we have order in the Chamber, please, (Gavel.) so we may hear the speaker. (Gavel.) Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes. Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I would like to introduce a couple of special guests of mine this evening...this morning, some of you have already met, Colonel David Donley, a Commander of the Air Force Global Weather Central, and I should point out that Offutt Air Force Base has at their base 700 people under Colonel Donley and they control or monitor the weather for all the services in the United States, the Army, the Air Force, the Marines and the Navy. And so the weather...Offutt and the State of Nebraska has a very great place in monitoring the weather of this great nation and for the defense of this nation. I also would like to introduce Captain Gene Meisner who is going to shadow both...Colonel Donley is going to shadow me today and Captain Gene Meisner is going to be my shadow of my legislative aide, Bill Stadtwald. And I guess on this resolution I would like to point out some things. This is kind of an activity of the Chamber of Commerce because we feel in Bellevue we are kind of a unique community because we have I think about the fourth or fifth largest community, Offutt Air Force Base, and we have a good working relationship with the Offutt community, also that the Offutt community provides a lot of economic benefits to the state and I would like to highlight some of them. They establish capital facilities and equipment valued in excess of \$1.6 billion, a pay roll of over more than \$410 million for fiscal 1984, nearly \$52 million of construction work currently under way and a total economic impact on the State of Nebraska valued in excess of \$980 million in fiscal 1984 which created over 6000 secondary jobs unrelated to the military mission in Nebraska. So I think we in the State of Nebraska are very fortunate to have Offutt Air Force Base located here and for our defense of our great nation. So I would ask you to approve this resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I wholeheartedly support the resolution. I have the distinct honor of having both the Colonel and the Captain in my legislative district. Senator Hartnett might have Offutt in his but I have the people. Thank you.