

So I hope you will vote to bring this resolution before the body and then pass it. And I will not speak again in the interest of time unless in his close Senator Pappas feels he needs something.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, thank you. And I want to introduce some guests which will not detract from your time. We have in the south balcony from Winnebago, Wallace E. Coffey, the Executive Director and guest of the Nebraska Indian Commission. Would you please stand, Mr. Coffey. Thank you. We also have guests of Senator Goll, 55 members and friends of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, the Winnebago Reservation, Reuben Snake is the Tribal Chairman, Wallace Coffey who you just welcomed, and these folks are all in the south balcony. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting the Legislature this afternoon. Senator Vard Johnson, please, and then Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I listened to Senator Chambers reading the remarks that I made on behalf of Senator Hoagland when I placed his name in nomination and I intended the remarks that I made at that time and I would intend them today, Senator Hoagland is an excellent Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, whether his conduct with respect LR 57 was or was not treacherous is not for me to judge, not being present at the time the conduct or agreements were effected. This issue transcends Senator Hoagland in the Chairmanship and it transcends Senator Chambers and the remarks and it transcends me. This is an issue essentially of human dignity and human freedom and I am happy to rise to support Senator Pappas's attempt to raise LR 57 from the Judiciary Committee which in a shortsighted moment saw fit to kill the resolution. Freedom is an issue that will never be killed. It beats deep in the human heart. It can be stifled. It can be smothered. It can be suffocated. But the flame will never be put out. The passion will never die because it is inherent to the human condition to be free. And what the Winnebago Tribe is asking Nebraska is that the Tribe be permitted to govern itself in the court system, that the Tribe not submit itself to the jurisdiction of the state, but instead have its independence as an entity, a polity and a unity. And I, personally, cannot think of a finer thing for a Legislature to do than to permit a proud people that have so well served themselves, their society, their