

the NEBRASKALAND celebration for a long period of time. It turns out that the Game and Parks Commission originally used Lincoln for the NEBRASKALAND celebration, but Lincoln kind of fogged it off and North Platte picked it up and has done a good job with it ever since that time. And I could not see any reason in my mind not to acknowledge that the NEBRASKALAND Days celebration would be that time when the State of Nebraska would also celebrate Statehood Days. So notwithstanding the desires of the Beatrice Chamber of Commerce or the desires of any other Chamber of Commerce, it seemed to me that maintaining a tradition and enhancing the function in North Platte was probably beneficial. So for that reason I will support Senator Pappas's unamended resolution.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Senator Johnson. We have visitors this morning from Valentine, Nebraska in Senator Lamb's district, seven 7th Graders from Valentine Middle School and teacher in the north balcony. Would you please stand and be recognized. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Morehead would move to amend. (Senator Morehead's amendment appears on page 908 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Madam President and members of the body, I like NEBRASKALAND Days. I think it is a marvelous celebration. I like North Platte. I am not speaking for my Chamber of Commerce, but I think this is a precedent and I believe that firmly and I think you should also consider it as a precedent. Small as it seems right now, you are making, I believe, a step that has impact. It has positive impact for NEBRASKALAND Days and if I were Senator Pappas representing North Platte, I would be doing the very same thing. I am not speaking for any other celebration at this time but I do think that there are others out there that could qualify for recognition and that is why I move this amendment. I ask you to consider thoughtfully what the change of one word can do for the precedent setting in the State of Nebraska and I would move the adoption of this amendment and then the final adoption of Senator Pappas's resolution.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: It is tough to take opposition to my noted