

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, you have on your desk a series of handouts that I passed out to you today as the Great American Meatout and it seemed to me that it would be appropriate for the Nebraska Legislature to make a statement in response to that because of the fact that we're in a state that raises an awfully lot of either feed grains or a lot of red meat itself. So that's the purpose of the resolution and rather than get into the discussion of the resolution right now, I'd simply ask you to suspend the rules so we can bring this resolution up today.

SPEAKER NICHOL: This will require 30 votes so I ask your attention to please suspend the rules. This will not be a long resolution so that we can move on. The question is, shall the rules be suspended? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Ladies and gentlemen, may I have your attention. We're voting to suspend the rules so we can take up Senator Vickers' small resolution and I'd certainly appreciate your cooperation so we can move along. Thank you. Members of the Legislature not in the Chambers, please return so that we can move on. I need a little help from one senator, please. Thank you. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on motion to suspend rules and consider the resolution, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The rules are suspended. Senator Vickers, did you want the Clerk to read the...? Okay.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 382 by Senator Vickers. (Read LR 382 as found on page 1585 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and members, it was drafted in the form on purpose to get your attention, but I can tell you very honestly that I am very serious about this issue. Now I want to also let you know, and I'm sure that you all do, that I do have a conflict of interest in this area. I happen to raise a lot of what you wind up eating as meat. Last night I was watching television and it mentions in the resolution that when we had our little screening test out here of our health that I had a low cholesterol level. I also had a low blood pressure level. Well, I can tell you last night watching