

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have to say that the thought of introducing this resolution was inspired by Senator Vickers and Senator Harris the other day. A little of my regional pride sprung up when I discovered that they were commending an historic sight that had recently been named in the McCook area, and so I thought the fact that we recently had a similar building, not similar building but a building named as a national historic site in western Nebraska, specifically Crawford, that it might be appropriate that I also offer a resolution on their behalf. The building is known as the Cooperative Block Building. It was built in 1909. It is a unique type of concrete structure. The history surrounding that building is truly fascinating in terms of the commercial development of rural Nebraska and the kinds of activities that have gone on in it. The building was essentially saved from nonuse a few years ago, about 1976, by its current owners who have done quite a lot of work in the building. Part of the building is now occupied by the Crawford Clipper newspaper, and the other part is occupied by a restaurant known as O'Doherty's, which some of you may be familiar with. So I felt that the efforts that the owners had made to keep this building intact and to restore it to its former glories was worthy of some recognition. So I ask you to join me in recognizing the Cooperative Block Building as a new member of the National Register of Historic Sites. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on LR 10? If not, ... Senator Goll.

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I have a question for Senator Scofield. In reading this resolution this building was built back in 1909 and has it always been a restaurant?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: No, it has not. As a matter of fact it has...it was at one time a general store of sorts and farmers came in and sold their produce there, hence the name "Cooperative." They sold harnesses, they sold wagons, in fact a room now that is known as the "parlor" was at one time an undertakers operation.

SENATOR GOLL: Oh, they have a parlor.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: A parlor...