

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 20 is found on page 194. It is offered by Senator Wesely and most of the members. (Read LR 20.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I know Senator Chambers has some amendments so I will be brief and we will get to those and try and deal with this as quickly as possible. We all know about the HNG Internorth decision. It was very good for Nebraska that they stayed. They employ over 2,000 employees. They are a very major corporate citizen here in the state. They are a \$11 billion company that is very vital to Omaha and Nebraska and we are very pleased that they were able to make a decision to stay in Nebraska. I think we ought to show that appreciation for their decision and this is one way to show that gratitude and so I would urge your support for it. And now Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Just a minute, Senator Chambers, we will start on your amendment here.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Okay, the first Chambers amendment would read as follows: In the first "whereas", strike the word "Inexpensive".

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is a very simple amendment and I don't see that anybody would have any difficulty in striking this one. Inexpensive is a value judgment and since there are differing competing interests that provide fuel, the Legislature should not seem to go on record favoring one over the other when we haven't been presented any facts or information to indicate that this statement is true. And based on the number of calls I, and I am sure other senators, and I know various agencies are getting from people who cannot afford the cost of gas, this word should not be in there because it will seem like almost a slap in the face. So rather than give this corporation a leg up maybe even in a commercial saying the Legislature and then whatever this provision says, would not be a good thing to do. So that is the first amendment I am offering. It may