

Other utility companies are considering doing the same. But I believe that if we can give gifts of hundreds of thousands of pounds of products that are produced in Nebraska, it will create millions of dollars in our ag economy and we know, or we've been told by our economists in the state that for every dollar that is generated in the ag economy turns over six or seven times a year in our state. And so I believe that this is a positive note. It is telling these farmers and those related to agriculture that we are behind them, that we are trying to find ways to improve the ag economy in our state. Agriculture is our number one industry in our state and so we just need to get it back on track and see if we can't generate more dollars in our economy. Therefore, I would ask your support on this resolution, LR 18.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the resolution. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the resolution.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LR 18 is adopted. LR 19.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 19 is offered by Senator Vickers. It is found on page 193 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, this resolution is a resolution to congratulate the Nebraska Educational Television Network on their winning of a First Place award in the News and Public Affairs category on national competition of Public Broadcasters of their coverage of our trip to Washington last spring. As many of you who were along recall, ETV, Nebraska's Educational Television Network did send a crew and recorded the events of that effort. As Senator Hefner just reminded you a little bit ago, that that was a joint effort of Nebraska and a number of other states to raise the national consciousness to the agricultural situation. I think that it's appropriate that this Legislature thank the fine Educational Television Network that we've got in this state for their coverage and also congratulate them for winning this national award. So I would urge the adoption of LR 19. Thank you, Mr. President.