

SPEAKER NICHOL: Did you wish to say something about this, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One moment, please. (Gavel.) Could we please have order so that those of us who wish to could hear Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. This resolution is an attempt on the part of myself, and I talked to Senator Landis who is out of town, Senator Harris, Senator Peterson, I have talked to, to express the concern of the Nebraska Legislature about the situation with the corporate takeover attempt by Sir James Goldsmith of Goodyear which is now in progress. This has been a controversy across the nation. There are 40 some plant locations, Goodyear plant locations...is this thing, are we working? Okay. There are 40 some Goodyear plant locations that are located around the country. There was a teleconference meeting yesterday of mayors across the country discussing the impact of this takeover on the different cities across this country. In Lincoln and in Norfolk we have plants of Goodyear located that employ between them over 2,000 individuals in Nebraska. The annual salary in Lincoln is close to \$60 million. The annual salary in Norfolk is about \$7 million. The taxes paid are in the multimillion dollar category. They are listed in the resolution. The impact of this takeover is a severe one on these plants and plants across the nation. Is there something wrong with this speaking system? Is that me or is that the...back up a little bit? Am I doing a Ron Withem? Is that the problem?

SPEAKER NICHOL: You're doing fine and we can hear you fine. Just back up a little bit and you will be okay.

SENATOR WESELY: All right, don't talk so close, then I'll be back here and I'll try from here. How about that? We'll get it yet, you know, it's the Special Session jitters. In any event, we have had a nationwide effort and Tuesday in Congress there will be a hearing that will occur dealing with this issue and this resolution will be sent back to the Congress expressing our concern about the Goodyear takeover attempt. In any event, Goodyear will be a loser whether or not the takeover occurs because what has happened is they have had to do a number of things to prop up the short term price of their stock. The