

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President and members of the body, I rise today to ask your support for a resolution which deals with prostate cancer in men. As some of you know who have been in the Legislature for a while, I've been a strong advocate of testing and prevention of cancer, particularly through mammography for women. But now we know that we have tests for prostate cancer in men. And since it is the second leading cause of cancer related mortality in men, I think it's very important that we make the public aware that these tests are available. To give you some idea of its prevalence in Nebraska, the Nebraska Cancer Registry, from 1987 through 1990, shows prostate cancer as the most commonly diagnosed cancer for men in Nebraska, with 3,364 Nebraska men diagnosed during that time. Each year, more than 200 Nebraska men die from the disease. We also know that the earlier that it is diagnosed the better the chances of treatment and cure. Sixty-nine percent of all prostate cancer is diagnosed while in the localized stage where it is frequently curable, 13 percent at the regional stage, and 16 percent at the distant stage when the cancer has spread to other organs. The American Cancer Society has approved specific guidelines for cancer detection for men 50 years and older, although men in such high risk groups as African-Americans, or those with strong familial predispositions may be started at a younger age. So what I ask of you today is that we urge physicians and public health agencies and other health related organizations to make this information widely available and to urge men to have these tests for the purposes of early detection. And, with that, I would cert...I would just urge your adoption of the amendment (sic). Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Does anyone wish to speak to this resolution? Seeing none, we will now vote on the motion to adopt LR 82. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of LR 82.

PPRESIDENT MOUL: LR 82 is adopted. LR 83.

CLERK: LR 83, offered by Senator Dierks and others, found on page 1671 of the Journal, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Dierks.