

LR 349.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LR 349 is adopted. LR 391.

CLERK: LR 391 is offered by Senator Pedersen and other members. It's found on page 1544 of the Journal, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, just a couple of months ago we lost our good friend, Bill Bowlin, who run the little corner store, over here by the Governor's office. And upon his death Senator Wesely offered a resolution that we recognize his death and the years that he'd given, and quite a few people on the floor got up and talked and remembered him, which gave us evidence that that store, everybody knew him and the store had been used quite a bit. It was very shortly after Bill's death that it came out that they would like to close the store, and when I say they, the Building Services, the architect of the building was looking at possibly closing the store. So I brought to the Legislature this resolution which basically is letting the State Department Administrative Services know that the Legislature is opposed to closing the Statehouse Newsstand. Almost everybody in here signed this resolution. It is my understanding that the current contract between DAS and Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired runs until January '95. And the services...that the officials from both agencies are working to find a replacement. This resolution simply puts on record that the Legislature encourages DAS to find a permanent replacement for Bill and to maintain the snack shop/newsstand for the convenience of all state employees and visitors. I encourage you to vote for this resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members. I, too, rise in support of the resolution. I commend Senator Pedersen for being alert and on top of this issue. That corner shop has been there an awful long time, and I didn't know that there was consideration of changing the status. Bill is gone, he was a great, great friend to many of us, but I think that shop ought to continue on, as indicated, in memory of Bill it would be the appropriate thing to do. So, I, too, support the resolution. Thank you.