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SENATOR F. LEWIS: This will not be debate. It will be information that will be most helpful. In fact, I am still on the phone back to the person in Washington asking how this is done. He said there is two or three theories in terms of how it is done and, Senator Murphy, at least based on what he said to me, that there is one theory that you send it back with the problem announced in it and another theory is that you do it another way. But I think the simple way to do this, if you really want to do it, and as each of you have studied in depth that resolution and thought it over in your hearts before you signed it and decided what this country really needed was a constitutional amendment, then with some great concern and look at the history of this country, you decided, after long deliberations, to put your name to that, well, I think we need to make it as simple as possible because of your sincere desire to do that, so my amendment does that. It says we want to call a Constitutional Convention. If that is what you want to do, then we petition them formerly to do so. So this cleans the whole thing up and we don't have, as somebody said early, the garbage in it and all those other things. It's up or down, either you want it or you don't and this makes it very clean and very simple. I would ask you to adopt it.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Frank Lewis' amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? There has been a request for a record vote. Senator Cavanaugh. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: Record vote read. See pages 636 and 637, Journal. 9 ayes, 17 nays, 23 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, may I read some material into the Journal?

PRESIDENT: Certainly.

CLERK: Mr. President, a communication from the Governor under date of February 10th. Read communication. See page 637, Journal. Mr. President, your committee on Revenue to whom was referred LB 918 instructs me to report the same indefinitely postponed; LB 923 indefinitely postponed. Signed Senator Carsten, Chairman. Mr. President, your committee on Labor to whom was referred LB 677 instructs me to report the same indefinitely postponed. Signed Senator Maresh, Chairman. Mr. President, a new bill by Senator Frank Lewis. LB 579A. Read title. See pages 637 and 638, Journal. Mr. President, legislative rule change submitted by Senator DeCamp will be referred to the Rules Committee. Mr. President, unanimous consent to print amendments in the Journal by Senator Burbach. That is all, Mr. President. Now I have no further motions on the bill, Mr. President, on the resolution. Motion to advance.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I would simply say that the people of