

floor of this Legislature that understands. I oppose this right down the line. I feel just exactly like the first Continental Congress did when they met and were deciding upon what language they were going to speak. They had the Italians there, they had the French there, they had the Germans, they had the Spanish, they had the English, and they all spoke a different language. One of them said "we ought to collect a dead language, we'll take the Latin language and speak it". Another man from the back of the room spoke up and said "it would be a damn cite easier to teach the British to speak Latin than it would to speak it ourselves". So let's get through with this and go ahead and go on with our foot and inch.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Newell, you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body. I'd like to speak in favor of the resolution. I hadn't intended to speak, but my good friend, Senator Keyes, awakened a little chord that I'd like to address to the body and point out some things. You know that first Continental Congress, that Senator Keyes talked about so eloquently, did, in fact, stop and discuss the metric system also. It was that fine and great American gentleman who was the Dean of the founding convention, the Philadelphia Convention in which the Constitution of the United States was written, Franklin... Benjamin Franklin. He spoke so eloquently on the floor of that first Continental Congress. He urged that we adopt the metric system because it was going to, some day, be the standard of the world. Well it's kind of interesting that in 1776 that Benjamin Franklin could say those kinds of things. Little did he know that it would take over 200 years for his words to be self-fulfilling prophecy, but that, in fact, is exactly what it is. We are one of the few nations that have not adopted the metric system. Even the British, who we adopted our system of weight and measures from, have adopted the metric system. But this great country has not yet seen the wisdom of that act. If we are to engage in international trade and commerce, if we are to continue in the world market then, in fact, this nation is going to have to also go the way of the metric system. I would encourage you to adopt this resolution. The sooner we can bring about this change the better off it will be for this country. The year after year that we put it off, the greater the costs. I think it's important for us, the United States of America, to follow the fathers of our system of weights and measures and adopt that metric system. I thank you very much.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Newell, would you turn your light off please. Senator Keyes' light is still on. I assume he doesn't want to talk. Senator Nichol's light is still on. I assume he doesn't want to talk. Senator Chambers, do you wish to.... Okay. Senator Savage. Senator Chambers, you wish to be recognized?

CLERK: Mr. President, a motion on the desk. (Read Chambers amendment found on page 1942 of the Journal).

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and Senator Savage, Senator Koch and I went through this together because you know he's for the resolution. What this would do is authorize a study to determine the best method of implementing what the resolution says, which would be the orderly transition from the customary units of measurement to the modern metric system.