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Mr. President, new resolution, LR 191, by Senators Sieck, Maresh, Kremer, (Read LR 191 as found on page 407 of the Legislative Journal.) That will properly be laid over, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Merz asked to have the Call raised. The Chair considers the Call raised as all of you have so...

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner offers proposed rule change. That will properly be offered to the Rules Committee. (See page 406 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT: We will proceed then with... the next bill will be 186, will it not?

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 186 was offered by the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee and signed by the members thereof. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 10 of last year. It was referred to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. It was considered by the body this year on January 17. At that time it failed to advance, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, this bill failed to advance last time on General File. I had incorrectly counted the votes and instead of having 25 I only had 24. I made a foolish mistake of asking that the Call be raised. I am going to try it here again today. Basically, simply, this bill was discussed. I think most people know what is in it. The bill would remove from civil penalties, newspapers, TV stations, et cetera, for the dissemination of information that was false if not to be considered a violation truth. In this act, basically what we are saying is that if the newspapers, radios, television gets bad information and they put it on the air, they shouldn't necessarily be accountable because they got the bad information from the guy that was taking out the advertising. Senator Johnson, did you have an amendment on this? If you want to get this amendment on, Senator Johnson...

PRESIDENT: There is an amendment, yes.

SENATOR NEWELL: Let's take the amendment because I think that will work out any problems that there is with the bill and so I will just let Senator Johnson deal with that.

PRESIDENT: All right, read the Johnson amendment, Mr. Clerk.