

this resolution to refer to a committee. I would like to explain to the body just briefly some of the reasons behind this motion. Is Senator DeCamp within the sound of my voice and would Senator DeCamp please come to his microphone to help me with some explanations and some understandings of the rules. Senator DeCamp, as many of you well know, is not only one of the most active members of the legislature, one of the most productive members of the legislature, one of the most imaginative members of the legislature, he is also very prolific. At one time Senator DeCamp served as chairman of the Legislature's Rules Committee and I think that Senator DeCamp served for four years in that very important position. I recall that Senator DeCamp at one time when we were talking about the Equal Rights Amendment, which is an amendment to the Constitution, basically proposed on this floor that the bill should be considered seriously and therefore should have a public hearing. But not only should this proposal have a public hearing but Senator DeCamp felt that all such resolutions should have a public hearing. For that reason, as I recall, Senator DeCamp offered what is now known as Rule 4, Section 2 on page 21 of our rules and that basically says, resolutions which propose amendments to the State Constitution, propose the ratification of amendments to the Federal Constitution or memorialize the Congress for the purpose of proposing amendments to the U.S. Constitution or the rejection, change, alteration, amendment, modification of rules under the provisions of Section 84.904 Reissue Revised Statutes Nebraska, 1943, shall be considered and adopted in the same manner as bills. I only read this because I think the intent is very clear and I want to ask Senator DeCamp a very short question Senator DeCamp and that is was it your intent and was it the intent of this body when it adopted this resolution, or this rules change, Section 2, was it an attempt to have major proposals like this which may, which either memorialize Congress into action, rejects changes, alters or proposes to ratify amendments to the Federal Constitution? Was it your intent to have these have a public hearing?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Senator Newell you are correct in that it all rose out of the Equal Rights Amendment. I sponsored that one year and we had a process then where you just had one vote and you didn't have necessarily a public hearing or anything. For those of you who remember Equal Rights Amendment in Nebraska was ratified by our body almost overwhelmingly, I think that maybe we had five to seven minutes debate on it. Later, of course, some people thought that maybe it wasn't enough debate and the Equal Rights Amendment developed