

spent days and hours trying to rescind that action, because they found that it did indeed bind them to the issue which the nation was going to vote upon. Those people who live in Washington, D.C. are citizens of this nation. When we look at their rights and their privileges then I think that we should treat it seriously with a public hearing of this state to try to find out if indeed this state, when they know all of the facts, would then say we should not grant to the DC citizenry the right of representation in the Federal Congress. So, I would hope this body this afternoon would say yes, let's put it to a public hearing, let's take the testimony, then let's, when it comes back to the floor, make a determination based upon the best information that we have available. But for us to let this go by under the name of resolution which is not binding, I believe is not correct for us. I would suggest that this body send it back to committee for proper procedure which is a public hearing. Next January we will have ample time, it will give many of us a time to think about it during the interim and to probably make a better decision. I ask this body to return to the Government Committee for public hearing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Just a brief comment, I'm not sure that I can add a whole lot to what has already been said. I have stated tentatively that I am probably going to support a resolution similar to Senator Haberman's but I'm not about to do so at this point. I'm not about to do so on the type of resolution that has been presented today whose legal consequences are uncertain. More than that perhaps I try to put myself in the place of those people in Washington. Don't we owe them at least, I mean these are our countrymen that we are talking about, don't we owe them at least the courtesy, the decency of a public hearing on a question that effects so vitally the rights of hundreds of thousands of people? I don't see what the hurry is on this at all. To me it would show bad judgment and little sensitivity to barrel through a resolution like this for no purpose when some very, very important things are at question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol. Senator Haberman, do you wish to be recognized on the Newell motion?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, fellow colleagues. March the 19th this resolution was printed that was 38 days ago. I didn't see Senator Newell standing up on his feet hollering