

would do. Particularly, the Attorney General did not know if a nonratification resolution bound subsequent Legislatures so that they could never decide to ratify a particular amendment or so if, instead, they were bound to their decision not to ratify. One of the things that we on the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee suggested to Senator Haberman was that he amend the resolution to be an affirmative resolution ratifying the District of Columbia amendment. The committee could either vote the resolution out or retain the resolution but assuming it came out here, then this body would be able to decide whether to ratify or not to ratify but we would then know precisely what was meant by that action. If we ratified, then Nebraska had taken its position and its position simply was to ratify this amendment. On the other hand if we voted not to support the affirmative resolution, then at a future date when the body changed, when thoughts differed, when other facts came in, the body could vote to ratify if it chose to do that. At one point I thought Senator Haberman actually was going to introduce an affirmative resolution or to amend it but he did not. So we are coming before you today with a negative resolution saying simply, we are not going to ratify. It is a resolution. We don't know what it means. We don't understand its full effect. Frankly it is a dangerous precedent for us to support a nonratification resolution. This is not the way our Constitution should be treated. This is not the way the amendment process should be treated. We should handle it correctly or not handle it at all. That is only one of the reasons that I have for killing this resolution. The resolution is in bad form. We should not be dealing with this particular resolution. The other resolutions of course get down to the substance of the issue. Senator Marsh has well articulated the substance of the issue. I suspect there will be more remarks made if this resolution is not killed but, fellow members, I truly urge you, I truly urge you to kill this very bad precedent to this state and to this country in the amending process to the United States Constitution.

PRESIDENT: ...approximately one minute left, Senator Marsh. Do you wish to use it? That concludes the closing on the motion to indefinitely postpone LR 30. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. I will tell you at this time that because this is being treated as a resolution and not as a bill and there is no specific coverage in the rules on indefinite postponement of a resolution, we will apply the 25 vote rule on this particular vote so it will require 25 votes to indefinitely postpone at this stage on this particular motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Chambers.