

January 31, 1980

LR 30

PRESIDENT: How many are excused, Mr. Clerk?

SENATOR DE CAMP: How many haven't even arrived yet?

PRESIDENT: Four have not arrived, nine excused and four have not arrived. That is thirteen.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Looks like it is going to be one of those days anyway.

PRESIDENT: Seven are available so you can... Here comes one and two. The question before the House is shall debate cease on the motion to indefinitely postpone LR 30. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 6 nays on the motion to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right the motion carries, debate ceases on the motion to indefinitely postpone. Senator Chambers, will you close on the motion then?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, again I am puzzled as to why the debate is to be cut off on this issue. If it is as important as the large number who signed would seem to indicate it is, there should be much more thorough debate than has occurred now. Even though some of the comments which are made and have been made are unpleasant, that is no justification for avoiding the issue and I think by avoiding the issue we should understand that I mean there is an unwillingness to face up to unpleasant truths which are brought before us as a result of our own action. This nonresolution did not have to be before us. There are some who signed it without thinking, I am sure, of all of the implications but now that we have had a small amount of debate I hope some of the Senators who may have reconsidered their position will allow their vote to reflect that reconsideration and that change in position. Although it happens rarely to me down here because I try to be informed on issues before they come before us, there are matters on which I have had to change my position. LB 221 is one of them but I think the mark of intelligent responsible people is the ability to change when the circumstances are altered. The circumstances in this case are altered or should be altered as a result of information being presented which the members did not have at the time they signed in a hasty fashion, a nonresolution. I doubt that most of those who signed were even aware that this resolution as phrased simply says that Nebraska is not going to do anything. I am

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