

just to placate George who is over there in Germany doing whatever he is doing. Senator Goodrich, after what you said, I think the best thing for us to do would be not to give a thing like this at all. But if you are insistent on handling this, I do think, and I am being serious now, that we should refer it to the Executive Board and some kind of policy determination can be made.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh, do you wish to speak again? Senator Dworak, you do not wish to speak again. All right. Okay, I guess, Senator Fowler, you may close on your motion.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, I am not saying that we should or shouldn't give Walter George some sort of honor for going to Germany. I am sure many people would like to do that. I think the issue is beyond Senator George which other legislators will we confer doctorates on, and I don't think we should argue that on the floor of the Legislature. I think the Executive Board has been established to try and develop some policies. I think it is a little odd that we do consider ourselves able to give an honorary doctorate. I would disagree with Senator Goodrich that an honorary doctorate is just a piece of paper. In any sort of graduation ceremony of a state college or university, those to receive honorary degrees are the most prestigious citizens who have done great work in their field or for the community and they are allowed these honorary doctorates and it is received with a great deal of honor and recognition. So I don't think it is just a piece of paper, and I think if we are going around saying that, we in fact are debasing the concept. I appreciate that Senator Vard Johnson has taken us down the yellow brick road. I think that his suggestion, though, if we are to use the Wizard of Oz analogy is that the people who should get the honorary doctorates are those that are here now so it can raise the intelligence level of those of us when we are in the Legislature rather than raising the intelligence afterwards. I think we could all use a Doctorate of Thinkology. Perhaps Walter George could simply click his heels three times over in Germany and say, "There is no place like home". He could be back among us in no time at all. I think that there are other motions up on this. There are suggestions that we accord him our respect and our thanks for service and I don't think we really want to get into a long debate this morning on how to deal with this subject. I think it is far more appropriate for our leadership, Senator Lamb and others, to sit down and come up with a clear policy as to which Senators get doctorates and which ones don't. I think otherwise we are going to have continuing resolutions. I think it would be very poor of us not to provide those same doctorates to those who left us because the voters chose to replace them,