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and so we will continue to have a series of resolutions for Senator Keyes and Senator Reutzel and Senator Merz and so on and I think they have every bit of right to a doctorate as Walter George. So why don't we take the whole issue and just send it over to the Executive Board and they can meet in their chamber and come up with a rational decision for all of us and bring it back. So I would move that LR 24 be referred to the Exec. Board.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is the motion, the amendment by Senator Fowler, to refer LR 24 to the Executive Board for appropriate action. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Fowler, I don't know how many are excused? Mr. Clerk, how many are excused? Five are excused.

SENATOR FOWLER: I think we will just let it go and take up the other motions.

PRESIDENT: All right. Record the vote.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 18 nays on the motion to refer to committee, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Shirley Marsh moves to amend the contents or to move LR 24...I am sorry, Senator...okay, by striking the contents of LR 24 and inserting the following: (Read Marsh amendment as found on pages 674 and 675, Legislative Journal.) That is an amendment to the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, copies of the substitute resolution are being passed out. This does accomplish what Senator Goodrich is trying to accomplish, to give honor to a former member of this body. It has a double purpose because it does not degrade the educational institutions of higher learning in our state which give very limited honorary doctor degrees as a very special honor to citizens and academicians. I would like to remind you that former Senator Walter George has an earned masters degree, that an honorary doctorate from this body would, in fact, be a slap in the face to the academician who knows what it takes to receive an earned degree and who is also very aware of the honor bestowed by educational institutions when they very selectively give honorary doctorate degrees. We want to honor this former Senator who has brought honor to our legislative body and