

faculty member or even administrator have been taken to task and look at dismissal in the face, if they believe that the charges are serious enough, they will just themselves say I resign. In many cases where you have informal hearings things have been resolved to the best interests of the school board, to the administrator and to the community. I don't know what frightens you about informal hearing, I really don't. We call our hearings on laws down here hearings. We don't call them conferences. They are called hearings. This is not a public hearing like we have here on law. This is a private hearing with those immediately affected, those who hire and those who fire and those who might be fired and I would hope the members present here this afternoon realize that some people won something here this morning and I'll live with that twenty-four votes and yet it is not a majority but I would hope that you would not destroy the efforts of a committee that worked long and diligently and brought all interested parties together and they all had their chance and don't think they didn't. If you want to, I can read you the hearings. So I am asking you not to accept Senator Goll's second amendment where he wants to change informal hearing to a conference because that conference could be carried on anyplace and it wouldn't be very private in some cases and all you're saying here is the teacher or the administrator is entitled to a private hearing before the board and I don't see anything wrong with that. I think it is only being fair. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Chair recognizes Senator Hefner. Senator Newell. Do you wish to speak? Okay, the question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the Have you all voted? Shall debate cease? That's the issue. Have you all voted? Okay, record.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate does not cease. Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise in opposition to Senator Goll's amendment. Senator Beutler has aptly indicated that it probably doesn't make much difference whether you call the meeting a hearing or a conference because whatever it is it's still a meeting and we're not changing any of the legal statuses regardless of what the name is. Senator Peterson asked me, why not do it and I'm just about to tell you why. I guess my feeling about the use of the word conference is that basically is a pedagogical term and it is not a statutory term. I have represented a number of students in student suspension and expulsion cases and long before the Legislature changed the statutes dealing with student suspension and expulsions