

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: We intend to continue to do that and I want to emphasize again, I do not have the time to go into details, but I want to emphasize again that this committee does not take our responsibility lightly. I can promise you that I would prefer, I wish a thousand times that I could stand here before you today and tell you that the committee has investigated all of these rumors and has found them to be of no consequence. Tragically, that is not true, not because some of the allegations have been made against influential individuals, but because if the allegations are true and I believe some of them are true, that means that children have suffered immeasurably, have suffered untold abuses and I would suggest that if it were not for the work of this committee, those abuses would never have been brought to light.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I ask your support of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the LR 232. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 37 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 232.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. I would like to announce that we have a birthday boy with us today, birthday man, Senator Kristensen, and he provided the doughnuts for them and you can either clap for his furnishing the doughnuts or wishing him a happy birthday, whichever. Furthermore, I understand you'd like a moment of personal privilege. Oh, I'm supposed to announce, okay. In addition to furnishing the turkey, Senator Kristensen is announcing his candidacy for Governor on his birthday. (laughter) Oh, it says he is not announcing his candidacy for Governor on his birthday. Thank you for the doughnuts. We'll move on to...do you have anything for the record, Mr. Clerk, at this time?

CLERK: Mr. President, just an announcement. Banking Committee, chaired by Senator Landis, would like to hold an executive session now in the Senate Lounge, Banking Committee, Senate Lounge, now. That's all that I have, Mr. President.