

Senator Smith. Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I guess I'm not really speaking to the...well, yes, I am speaking to the body, but I hate to see two of my favorite people being on opposite sides of the aisle also being on opposite sides of the issue this early in the session. But I understand perfectly what you're saying, Ernie, because I have felt a lot of frustration with a lot of the resolutions that have been introduced in here that have taken a lot of our time, not speaking at all about the ones that we're dealing with today. We, in the past, since I've been here, this is my sixth year now, spend a lot of time introducing things that to me are garbage that we take our time with in this body. I guess what I'm doing is taking offense at the fact, on behalf of Gary right now, that you are using this resolution which to me is not as bad as a lot of other things that we have sat here and voted for and passed and discussed and for that reason I'm going to, until something is changed to impact on all of the other kinds of stuff that we deal with, I will be supportive of this one as well.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hannibal, would you like...Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, and particularly to Senator Smith, I had said I'm going to start opposing these things all session and I may as well start now. I think the easy way out for us is to say if we're not going to...and the only thing that can be done is to pass a rule and I don't know what rule could be adopted that would prevent people from bringing resolutions, we're just going to have enough of whatever it takes to stand on this floor and say in front of everybody that this is a resolution that I'm not going to support. Everybody can support it. I can be voted down 48-1, but I'm not in here to cast my vote based on whether or not I think everybody is going to support me. This, in my mind, is an unworthy resolution. I'm not going to vote for it, and if I'm on the floor and other unworthy resolutions come up, unworthy in my opinion, I'm going to express that opinion and then there will be a record of why I'm voting against not only this one, but those in the future. But if the only reason you will vote for a dog that won't hunt is that other dogs that haven't hunted have been voted for in the past is to say that the heirs of yesterday should become the orthodoxy of today.