

styrofoam, we should enact a law, not to take effect in 1992, not to allow any exceptions, but to ban styrofoam from the state, which is not going to be done. That failing, I think what we did was an exercise in futility. If the resolution, LR 231, had simply indicated that because the use of styrofoam throughout the society produces residue which winds up in landfills and other places, it will not degrade for a large number of years, therefore, it would be appropriate for the Legislature to establish some kind of policy with reference to how the state will deal with styrofoam products. I would not have opposed that. I would take that as a serious effort to look at the issue than to do something about it. But to pass the kind of resolution we did I think was foolish. I also feel that since the resolution was passed you can see how serious I take it. But, if the body is serious, then it ought to adopt my resolution. Otherwise there is no enforcement arm. If our employees order food from outside the Capitol, if they have the audacity to carry food from the cafeteria through the halls of this building in a styrofoam container, if the news media and others are allowed to be in this Chamber and use styrofoam, then what have we really done? Nothing of substance, nothing that is logical, nothing that is reasonable. But since that is what 22 members of the Legislature want to do, I expect I should receive at least 22 votes in support of what it is I'm proposing here today. And, Mr. Speaker, I intend to speak again on this matter because I see it as very serious. I may even have some amendments of my own to offer.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Chair recognizes you, Senator Chambers.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Why do we offer resolutions in the Legislature anyway? We offer resolutions because they are not binding and they have no legal impact of any kind. We offer resolutions because it offers to each member who would bring one the opportunity to use the floor of the Legislature for a platform to make various statements, to have things acted upon in one way or the other, negative or positive, by a vote of the members. But once acted upon, it's usually cast aside and forgotten. Resolutions of the kind offered by Senator Warner this morning, where you do things or make statements to recognize what young people have done, don't bother me that much, because if you can have the Legislature showing some indication that the positive things young people do are taken note of and appreciated, that's fine. That might be