

call. Members, please report to the Chamber and record your presence, the house is under call. Senator Peterson, please record your presence. Senator Robinson, please record your presence. Senator Rogers. Looking for Senator Conway, Senator Cudaback. Call in votes have been authorized.

CLERK: Senator Wehrbein voting yes. Senator Dierks voting yes. Senator Lamb voting yes. Senator Rod Johnson voting yes. Senator Cudaback voting yes. Senator Lowell Johnson voting yes. Senator Schrock voting yes.

SPEAKER BAACK: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased and we will now proceed to the closing by Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, this has been a lively debate, some of which I didn't care to hear, but nevertheless it was a lively debate. I guess maybe the flag means more to me than it does to some of the people here. Maybe it doesn't mean very much to some of you here, but what this motion does, this motion just raises this resolution out of committee and then, as I understand it, it would come up later in the session for a full debate. And, Senator Chambers, I don't like it when you call my fellow Legionnaires and my fellow veterans, those guys with funny little hats. I think that's a disgrace and I don't think I'd smile about that. They're...what they are trying to do is say that we want to protect our symbol of our country, a symbol of our freedom, and I certainly think that they have every right to do that. And this is why I am proposing this resolution. It's true, this resolution probably doesn't do that much. All it does is says to the Congress that this body would like to see you propose a constitutional amendment to our U.S. Constitution to protect our flag. And, Senator Landis, maybe I am an oddball. I realize that and maybe it's one of my shortcomings, but I still believe that we should protect our flag. Like you said, well, the fire in the theater is to protect life. How about when that person climbs up that flagpole? Isn't he exciting all those people that are watching him? Sure, he is. As of now, 23 states have passed a resolution such as this. So I think it's only right that maybe we should, and I realize we can't force Congress to do anything. All this would do is just encourage them to pass a