

if we give it to them? Here's what I'm getting to. I wouldn't want the mere passage of a resolution, such as this, to be taken as putting the state on record in any way with reference to this conference. I'm giving my point of view. I don't have enough knowledge or information about what is entailed here at all. I think I've made it clear in other contexts that I have some doubts about adoption practices. So my one...my failure to vote for this I know will not stop it from being passed, but I want it known that I take this kind of resolution seriously from the standpoint of the subject matter that is being addressed. It is an international document unilaterally adopted by the Hague, from what I understand, and maybe they're trying to generate enough whatever it takes to get the United States to sign onto it. So, in a sense, these people may be going just to give information and their opinions, but they also could serve a secondary function of indicating that the states which sent them endorse...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...what is done by the State Department or whomever the State Department authorizes to continue acting on this matter. So I will not vote for it, but I don't know enough to speak against it, so that's not what I'm doing. I was trying to get information.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Any further discussion on LR 28? Seeing none, Senator Withem, to close.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Senator Chambers, thank you for those remarks. I think those are very fair, very legitimate sorts of concerns. I understand the point of view. It is not my intention by this resolution to be preendorsing any specific policy changes. I do think, Senator Chambers, if you would have had the opportunity to have visited with some of the people that I did about this, some of the processes that take place in international adoptions, you would agree that there needs to be some sort of...of regulation over those practices and that it is a problem that needs to be addressed. And I would indicate that...I would urge anybody reading this resolution to take it at its face value and not have the Legislature on record as supporting any particular policy perspectives but that we, as a Legislature, do want our state department to be part of the process of finding solutions to problems that exist in the area of international