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have some of your time back, Senator Preister? I'm sorry, but just about gone. Senator Thompson, followed by Senator Brashear.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I support Senator Schrock's resolution. I oppose the Foley resolution and I'm going to encourage all of you to oppose the Foley amendment, excuse me, for a number of reasons. One is certainly I think Senator Schrock should have a shot at making his case as he presented it. I had the opportunity to hear this for several hours, as a member of the Executive Board. And, as Senator Beutler has pointed out, this is an extremely complex issue. I'm not an attorney. Actually, by training, I guess, I'm a historian and I think there are lots of parallels through history and we're hearing a lot of things in...that are coming up on the floor that have called up things in my mind from the way things happen historically on these kinds of issues. But I think the fundamental thing to think about, as a member of the Legislature, representing the roughly 35,000 people that we each represent, is that we shouldn't send out a "gummer" here. We should send out...we should...our message should be we take this seriously. We believe and know that there have been serious infractions of the law, and I stress serious, and we trust our rules of the Legislature and the way we create an Executive Board to take it to the next step and decide what should happen. So instead of just saying this person should resign, and we heard Senator Stuhr list all the western Nebraska newspapers saying he should resign, we should also say this is serious. And this is a matter of degree. Now, a lot of you said, well, we should prosecute, we should bring this for everyone who breaks our law, finance law. Well, that isn't the way it works. Police don't stop everyone in a 30-mile-an-hour zone who's going 31 miles an hour. They don't. It's a matter of degree and prioritization, and this is a very, very serious offense. The Executive Board of the Legislature is chosen far differently from our other committees for a reason. That's so each caucus can make sure and votes for two people to represent it on that board. The other members are elected by the Legislature at large. This is going to take time, and it should take time. But you should, I believe, support Senator Schrock, the two parts of this resolution, one saying we would like this person to resign,