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in communication, telephones, post offices, and we ought to express our concern on this matter as soon as possible so that no further fourth class or third class post offices are closed. I urge you to support the Resolution.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mr. Speaker and members, as a former member of the post office, I go 100% behind the Resolution. If we don't do anything and let these people back in Washington find out what our desires are back here, we will be going down to the post office and they will do away with the letter carriers and we will be going down and picking up our mail each and every day. This corporation, we should do away with it. We should go back and give this post office back to the Post Office Committee, and we never did have this trouble previous until they come over here and tried to make a money making profit off the service that we people have deserved over a period of years and years and you don't realize that the post office is the only agency in government that comes out and sees each and every citizen in the United States every day when they put mail in your mail box. So I heartily support this Resolution.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to speak on this Resolution with mixed emotions. The reason I do is because a number of years ago those of us who live in communities similar to others we are talking about, not quite as large. When the post office regionalized our post offices, no one on this floor really cared too much, but the community I live in now, it used to be we would get our mail, we could mail it there and it would be there in one day, and now it takes five because it has to go through the Omaha system to get back to Ralston. Therefore, that is why I say I have mixed emotions. We talk about high cost of government, and if we believe by cutting down some inefficient postal systems that we are going to save money, then possibly, we should give a serious deliberation to what this Resolution is attempting to do. It is a matter of whether you believe in centralization because it brings about efficiency and economies or whether or not you are going to get better service. My experience so far with the regionalization that happened to Millard and Ralston, those areas around there that had their own postal systems, is that it is slower today than it ever was, it is probably more expensive than it ever was, so therefore, I guess, I will speak on the positive side of this Resolution. I merely want to represent my District one time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I can concur with what Senator Koch has said because today it takes much longer to get a letter from Bellwood to Columbus than it does from Bellwood to Omaha or Bellwood to Chicago or even New York City, and it seems unusual and unfortunate that that is the case,