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SENATOR KREMER: Right. First of all, when I introduced this Resolution, I was completely aware of many of the so-called problems that came forth on both sides of the debate. I was aware we was going to have this. Perhaps we should rehash them. I want to address myself very briefly to Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, I am sure that you feel sometimes that all of us or most of us are against you on any stand that you take and any principles that you set forth to protect. I have told Senator Chambers time and again there are many times that I cannot agree with you, and times like that I will not agree with you. When I can, I will support you and I continue to make that emphatically known to the good Senator. I believe Senator Chambers is honest in setting forth his convictions and I want him to know that I am, too. Here we are dealing with a principle, and to me, it is a principle set forth by divine decree, not civil law, but by divine law and it has been my observation, at least, that when any nation chooses to ignore or to define those principles set forth in such manner, there can be nothing but judgment and trouble ahead. I really believe that. I want to say with emphasis that my church has never told me what to say. They take different positions. I am not of the Catholic faith. Some people think it is only the Catholic, those are the Catholic persuasions that take stand on this issue. This is not true. My church has not told me what to say. These are my convictions and I, again, repeat that we are dealing with a principle here that is of divine origin and order. Senator Chambers, many times, you use the Bible. You use scriptures to defend your position. I am going to do it at this time. I am going to invite you to read the 139th Psalm and then come to me and tell me how you interpret it. The 139th Psalm is an Old Testament scripture. It is adopted by Jewish, Catholic and Protestants alike and you come and tell me how you interpret it. I believe we are dealing with a principle here that ought not to be ignored. I think we ought to move this Resolution ahead. I am firm in my convictions on it. Nobody told me to say this so I move for the adoption of Resolution 113.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 37 ayes, 5 nays, 7 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The Resolution fails. Don't you have something to read in? All right. Yes, Senator Clark. I am sorry. The Resolution passes. Yes. All right, Senator Clark.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next Resolution is 114 found on page 319 of the Journal introduced by Senator Clark. Read.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, members, I would hope there wouldn't be any debate on this particular issue. As you know, Jim Pittenger got home about two days ago and I don't think he can even talk yet or count or anything but