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resolution which we passed. The committee has met, it has appointed counsel. Incidentally, the composition of the committee has been an issue in dispute. I had originally suggested a committee comprised of ten different people. The Executive Board rejected that particular composition and ended up developing a committee of fifteen different people that constitutes the current membership of the Executive Board and the current membership of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee. That is the nature of the resolution. I would at this time, Mr. President, move this body to ratify the resolution adopted by the Executive Board on December 10, 1983, establishing the special committee to deal with the Commonwealth issues, providing it a budget, authorizing it to hire legal counsel and authorizing it to entertain bills and resolutions.

PRESIDENT: Therefore, the rule change that we have been discussing is now history.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: That is now history. We will bring it back, but it is now history for the moment.

PRESIDENT: Very well, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I personally believe this is the proper way to go and I am going to suggest something further, and I hope you will all take it in the spirit in which it is offered. I don't think on this particular subject we can afford to do anything that gives even the hint, even raises the question that everything isn't going to be laid out on the table. Now I personally happen to believe that the table isn't going to be nearly as exciting when it all is laid out there and some of the discoveries are going to be less than exciting and look more like some bad business judgment and maybe a bandit here and there. But in order to overcome even the question or suggestion that everything that is possible to learn is learned, I suggest we amend that by having Senator Chambers become a member of this particular committee. He has obviously spent a lot of time. He has obviously got a good legal mind, and if nothing else, he will be in a position to allay any suspicions he or those who repose great confidence in him have. With as many lawyers and experts and investigators and so on as there is going to be on this committee, I don't