

I also was convinced it took 30 votes as was Pat O'Donnell and others, as was the Speaker I believe, but when you research it and read it there is one absolute rule of law that Vard Johnson knows and that is the specific rule overrides the general rule and this is a very specific rule and it overrides the general rule. The fact that I'm the one who happens to use it because I see it there shouldn't make a fault, shouldn't disallow me from using it. Vard's argument is, but that isn't the way I want, that doesn't make sense. My answer is then change the rules. Don't fault me for finding them and utilizing them. That is all.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Conway, then Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. You're voting on ceasing debate. We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted that care to? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 13 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Wesely, did you wish to close?

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, again I tell you that the sections that are being referred to on pages 27 and 28 deal with two different types of resolutions. We're getting them mixed up. I understand why there might be some confusion and I certainly respect the Speaker's opinion, but I certainly don't think we want to set the precedent that we have such a low standard in which to consider constitutional amendment resolutions. I think at the very least they ought to have the standards of a bill which would mean 30 votes and I think the 25 vote provision clearly, I think, would be identified to deal only with those resolutions that are referred to committee that are not constitutional amendments and if you read this section you'll see there are different types of resolutions. It is confusing, but I think the intent has always been clear that the resolution dealing with constitutional amendments is handled as a bill and that means 30 votes. Now I'd like to defer to Senator Lamb and then, Senator Lamb, if you would defer to Senator Beutler to end the closing.