

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This Commission, if it did nothing else, attempted to raise the level of awareness in this state of how bad women are treated, how they are abused. The language which is used to designate women, even in this Legislature, is a terrible thing to listen to a lot of times. They are "gals", but when they talk about Mary, the mother of Jesus, they don't call her a "gal" so it is obvious that they don't think that "gal" is the appropriate thing, they don't want somebody to call their mother or their grandmother a "gal". But around here a woman, no matter what her professional achievement, is a "gal". But you have to show respect to these men, they have to be given a title, or referred to by their name. And as I mentioned when the reporters are putting their stories in the paper, it is Senator Conway, or Senator Chambers, it is Mrs. Labedz, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Marsh, so they are viewed more in terms of their domestic situation rather than their political position as the rest of us are. I think it would be a mistake and improper to pass this resolution too. Because, when we could do something of substance we refuse to do it. To try to purchase relief with this cynical gesture, I think, is worse than the thing that was done that brought us to this position. So, as with the other resolution, I will vote against this one too.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, I told you a little bit ago how I feel about these resolutions, but since Senator Chambers' comments reminded me of a story that I would like to tell you, a story that my dad told me that happened to him. He had this old milk cow that looked like a heck of a good milk cow, only trouble is she was so hard to milk she wore your shoe leathers out trying to milk her, kick your head off every time you got close to her. So, he decided to take her to town and sell her. Took her to town and the auctioneer was a good auctioneer, kind of like what we are doing here, the auctioneer started telling the folks about how wonderful a cow it was, my dad said by the time he sat there and listened to the auctioneer tell how wonderful that cow was he had to sit on his hands to keep from buying the cow back. That is kind of what we are doing here. Think about it.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.