

March 12, 1973

SPEAKER: A record vote has been requested. Has everybody voted? Everybody voted? Record the votes.

CLERK: Votes read. 34 ayes, 13 nays, 5 not voting.

SPEAKER: Motion carries, and LR 9 will be -

CLERK: 2 not voting Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Pardon.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 13 nays, 2 not voting.

SPEAKER: The motion carries and LR 9 will take it's place now at the bottom of general file.

CLERK: Now Mr. President I move to LR 9 put to the head of general file, signed Senator Barnett.

SPEAKER: Alright, Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and members of the body, I so move. I think there has been enough talk about this bill, I think everybody has received everything they need to know I think it's time we settled the issue, therefore, I move that it be advanced to the top of general file.

SPEAKER: Okay, any further discussion, Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Yes, I will oppose the motion, perhaps not successfully, but this is another attempt by the opponents of ERA by the proponents of ERA to rush the issue. There is no question about that, the league of women voters and those who go along with their line, wanted this bill killed quickly. Fortunately, for the people of this state they were unable to get that done, because the committee, it was a tie vote in the committee, now the strategy is since they didn't get the bill buried and buried deep, to rush it through to rush the bill through at once, so therefore, Senator Barnett, has moved to put it to the top of general file, and all the other bills become secondary. I understand the feeling of some members of this body, why let it hang up there, well this is our procedure, the bills ordinarily follow their sequence, and there is a reason for this procedure. The public does not know and had no way of knowing that a motion would be made this morning to put this on general file. The public in my estimation has every right

(End of Belt #7)