

(Start of Belt #4)

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Senator Chambers, I yield to you because I was going to move the previous question.

SPEAKER: Very good. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I am not going to let Senator Proud steal my thunder everytime. I move the previous question.

SPEAKER: The previous question has been called for. Does the chair see five hands. Thank you. The question is shall the debate now close on the motion to indefinitely postpone. All those in favor of closing debate on the issue will vote aye. All those opposed will vote no. This is the motion to close debate on the motion to indefinitely postpone LR 9. Have you all voted? This is...you are voting to close debate. This is the vote to close debate. Once again, have you all voted? The clerk will record.

CLERK: 43 ayes, 0 nays, 6 not voting on previous question.

SPEAKER: All right. The previous...the debate will now close. Senator Simpson can close on his motion to indefinitely postpone. Senator Simpson is now closing. There will be no questions after he finishes. Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, one of the shortest discussions, I guess, on the bill as to its merits and this is now a bill from the way we have treated it. I think we have heard the general discussion. We have heard all the emotional factors that could go into this. We have not really talked about important things like equal pay for equal work and some organizations are now coming to the point that they are giving equal pay for equal work. But it's a long way to go. Everytime there has to be a decision made, you have to go to court. They look at the amendments now to the Constitution, and they give very narrow decisions which only affect the immediate problem. It's a costly thing for people to do and it takes a lot of time. I think we've taken off the books in Nebraska restrictive laws which aided women in industry, but we still have not gotten equal pay for women. I have statistics right in front of me showing the medium earnings for Nebraska women, \$3,849, while the medium earning for male, and this is all full time people I'm talking about, is \$7,328. In no way can you call this equality. We need this to reaffirm that people are equal and shall be treated as such. I hope we would indefinitely postpone this Resolution and then we can go on with good business.

SPEAKER: The question is shall LR 9 be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor will vote aye. All those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? Once again, have you all voted? The clerk will record.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 29 nays, 2 not voting.

SPEAKER: The motion to indefinitely postpone is lost. We still have before us, then, LR 9. The chair recognizes... pardon me. Motion on the desk.

CLERK: Ya, I have a motion for a previous question but we haven't had any debate.

SPEAKER: There hasn't been any debate on the previous question. Senator Lewis, for what purpose do you rise.

SENATOR LEWIS: My motion was up there, originally, before Senator Simpson's motion. All right. Whatever it takes, I move previous question.