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directed against the advancement of any bill because the public does not understand that the advancement of a bill is not necessarily favoring abortion. It is placing restrictions in an area where right now there are no restrictions whatsoever. So the fact that they did not advance the bill as of yet, have had plenty of time to talk about the long, extensive hearing they've had, how the public has gone through the whole thing, they have considered all aspects of it yet cannot advance the bill indicates to me that they are not going to face this issue foursquare. In addition to that, if a Constitutional Amendment would be proposed by Congress, and I think it would be submitted to the states again, then after submission there would be up to seven years to ratify. So you have, if we say that an amendment is presented to the country next year, there can be seven years time during which nothing will be done apparently by this state shirking its responsibility saying it's waiting for the national Congress to do something. Now, when they talk about protecting the rights of the unborn, I could sympathize. Some of the men on this Resolution, I think, are being consistent. They are not concerned only about the unborn. They are concerned about those children who are here, but when I read the role of those who vote against giving assistance to children who are here and they take the position self-righteously and hypocritically that they do on this abortion issue, I have to say that it is the most crass hypocrisy that I've seen on this political floor during the time that I have been down here. Why tell me about something that some scientist and philosophers don't recognize as a human being have rights, then that same person is going to watch children hungry, deprived of medical attention. Tell me that this kind of Resolution ought to be passed and they're sincere. It is a chance to make political hay without any ramification or political consequences they feel, but I am going to point the finger of suspicion, the finger of accusation and the finger of scorn at all these men who sit in here and presume to play like they are little Gods on an issue like this where they think there are no consequences to be borne. If I could have seen the Legislature which I did describe as hardhearted, unfeeling, and insensitive do something about giving aid to children who need it, I would have had to swallow my pride and admit that I made an improper assessment of the Legislature, but as I listened to that debate the other day, the Legislature confirmed what I said. This is just an escape valve. We should not even talk about a Constitutional Amendment where the U.S. Government is concerned when the Public Health Committee will not be men enough, I shouldn't use that term, when the Health Committee will not be responsible enough to advance a bill of any kind on this subject. The Committee can offer whatever amendments they think ought to be offered. Why don't you incorporate into a bill from your Committee the propositions you want the national Congress to ratify or submit to the state as a Constitutional Amendment. Assume that responsibility and sign your name to that. Don't sign it to something that says, I'm advocating my responsibility. I want that heat on somebody thousands of miles from here but right in the state where I live, I won't take my responsibility. This, if it is to be handled at all, should be handled at a public hearing because the issue is not abortion now, but whether this state ought to assume the position of asking Congress to consider a Constitutional amendment. That will be the issue and if the Public Health Committee is afraid to handle it, there are other committees that will handle it and if I had to handle it as a committee of one, I would do that.

PRESIDENT: The chair next recognizes Senator Moylan; then Senator Kelly, Snyder, Goodrich.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I