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think this argument has got completely out of line here. I want to commend the Public Health Committee for coming out with this Resolution. They asked for suspension of the Rules and I think we should grant them the suspension of the Rules this morning to take up this Resolution. They've gone into the public hearing and everything else. A public hearing would result in no good. This has been discussed. If every man and woman in this Legislature does not understand what this subject is about, it is very unusual. It has been discussed in sessions past and it has had a perfect hearing on the abortion bill which covers all angles of this Resolution, so I would urge that we get along with business and vote on the suspension of Rules and urge you to vote for the suspension of Rules to take up this Resolution this morning.

PRESIDENT: The chair next recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the body, I support the Resolution but I have a question of the President. What's the procedure of this Resolution if we do not suspend the Rules.

PRESIDENT: The Resolution...you have to suspend the Rules in order to take up the Resolution because other than that there is no way in which it can be taken up. Other than that, it sits, as you know it's introduced and then whatever signers come in to sign the Resolution as it lays on the clerk's desk. If it picks up five, ten, fifteen, or whatever but this is the only way in which it can come before the body for a vote for action.

SENATOR KELLY: Then I ask, what's all of the public hearing talk about.

PRESIDENT: That is what may happen to the Resolution after you take it up and you vote on it. That's the next question to be decided.

SENATOR KELLY: So the question here is whether to vote on the Resolution today or to lay it over for some more days.

PRESIDENT: That's correct.

SENATOR KELLY; It has nothing to do with public hearing.

PRESIDENT: The vote that you next make on this will be to suspend the Rules to take up the consideration of the Resolution and from that point on, you are sailing uncharted waters. The chair is not able to predict what will happen. It may go to a hearing. It may be referred to a committee. Anything can happen to it, whatever. It's open to floor amendment, of course, or to floor discussion.

SENATOR KELLY: Well, then, I would call the question. Let's get on...

PRESIDENT: All right. The question has been asked for. The question is shall the debate now cease. Does the chair see five hands? All right. All those in favor of ceasing debate will vote aye. All those opposed will vote no. The question is shall the debate now close? Have you all voted? The clerk will record.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 23 nays, 10 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The motion to close debate is lost. The chair next recognizes Senator Snyder, then Senator Goodrich, then Senator Frank Lewis. Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: The answer to Senator Kelly. I think his question was, where are we now with a unanimous consent motion.