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we've done mental gymnastics in here with procedures until I'm fed up to here with it. Now we got a job to do and this is part of the job. Let's move it on, let's suspend the rules, let's get the resolution passed, the public health committee is working toward bringing that bill on the floor. Now there are those that want to have a public hearing, for the sake of public hearing, that's fine, but we've heard it all, and repetition may be the key to good teaching, but I doubt it, and I think we've got it in our minds those that are interested in the issues and the arguments, the transcripts are available. I invite you to go to the transcribers office and see them, and I think again, let me stress to you members of this legislature, that two thirds or better of that hearing that we heard that lasted until almost 6:30, was geared specifically at the Supreme Court decision, those two cases, and so let's suspend the rules and let's move this forward.

PRESIDENT: The Chair next recognizes Senator Proud, then Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR PROUD: Well Mr. President let's find out whether this resolution had a public hearing, I have a question of Senator Lewis and then I'd like to make a statement. Senator Lewis when was the public hearing on the abortion bill?

SENATOR LEWIS: The exact date on 286, I can't recall but I believe it was two weeks ago last Monday, three weeks ago, -

SENATOR PROUD: Well approximately three weeks ago.

SENATOR LEWIS: Yes.

SENATOR PROUD: Alright, when was this resolution that is before us now drawn?

SENATOR LEWIS: After three weeks ago. It is a fairly recent resolution, I'd say, what, Mr. Chairman, ten days, a week or ten days ago, seven days ago according to the Chair.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, then how could this resolution have had a public hearing, when the public hearing was held before the resolution was even drawn up?

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Proud I certainly agree with you, that technically and from a very technical point of view and I suppose that is our forte here, that that is absolutely correct, but I can assure you that every issue involved in that resolution was touched on not by one speaker but by several, so as far as technicalities are concerned, I certainly concede here and now, that a resolution drawn seven days ago could not have received a public hearing three weeks ago, the logic of that, you know, infalable, I concede that.

SENATOR PROUD: Well then another question, did the public have any notice at all of this resolution?

SENATOR LEWIS: No. Absolutely none, it was drawn up seven days ago and the public hearing was three weeks ago, they were not notified.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, thank you, then let me say this. There are many of us here who feel very strongly about the abortion issue, myself included, and I would guess that the majority of people in this state are against any kind of significant liberalization of the abortion law. However, at the same time, there are a number of people in the state who believe in liberalizing the abortion law, this amendment, this resolution is extremely involved, it's extremely technical, it's just been