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admitted that the public has never been given the opportunity of a public hearing on it. Now I want to remind you that by, if we do in fact suspend the rules today, we're going to be subject to a lot of criticism, by those people who feel very strongly about the abortion issue, but we are not going to be subjected to any criticism if we let this go to a public hearing. Now I think if we don't let it go to a public hearing, any criticism we get, is entirely justified, and I think it would put this body in a bad light, and I urge you to not suspend the rules and take it up this morning.

PRESIDENT: The Chair next recognizes Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I think that Senator Proud in his last quizzing and questioning of Senator Lewis has performed a disservice in the fact that the public health committee, some three weeks ago, has looked at this abortion issue from every angle that could be done. The pros and the cons were there, they listened to it up until 6:00 in the evening and in to answer to Senator Proud almost everything that is said in this resolution was brought up at that public hearing. Now if the legislature wants to delay and go through another jam packed session, and fill the galleries and bring out all the people again, and replay, rehearse, and go through this whole momentum again, that's fine, but I don't think it is necessary. This resolution says in it, everything that the people who were here either for or against on the day that that hearing was held, will be said in this resolution and we might as well vote on it this morning and send it on it's way. Senator Proud in answer to you, Senator Cavanaugh and Senator Lewis, are not speaking today and saying that this resolution is for liberalizing, if anything, this resolution calls for the most strictest and protective parts of an abortion law. It does nothing more than what we see in other resolutions in this legislature for the last two months and for the other years that I have been here, brought up, discussed by this body, and not public hearings, we have had agriculture resolutions, we've had resolutions that concerns cities and communities, we didn't go to public hearings, resolutions are discussed by this body, and this body passes on them. This resolution today, the rules should be suspended, this legislature should get on with it's more important business which we have in bills, and we should pass this resolution and have it on it's way to Congress.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp, then Stahmer, then Skarda.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I'm going to touch on a couple of things that haven't been brought up. One of the reasons that we want to suspend the rules, and I think we all know it, is that all 49 Senators here today know that Nebraska has no abortion law, they know that we have to do something to implement some restrictions, and the worse thing, is that they know that probably ninety percent of the people, at least we're afraid of it, won't understand this vote, and I think one of the primary purposes then of the resolution is to so to speak make the people more aware of what the problem is, so that we are not in that terrible box that so many feel they are in now. Now, the public hearing for this resolution has been criticized on the grounds that it will bring out the people again and rehash the issue, but the whole reason it should be given a public hearing is to bring out the people and rehash the issue, because probably ninety percent as I suggested don't really understand the issue, and so if nothing else, it will take a big step towards informing people as to what the real status of laws in Nebraska and the United States on abortion are at this time. It can be argued well it's not going to do that much and it's not going to inform the people that much or make any changes. However, I guess the classic example at