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least this year would be the Equal Rights Amendment. The hearings were held, the issue was rehashed and enough Senators on that particular issue, changed their minds, and the public became informed at least the public developed belief on the basis of the information that came out. So to argue that the public hearing wouldn't serve any purpose, I think is completely false. Finally, one of the members of the public health committee themselves pointed out that for four nights, and for several weeks now the public health committee themselves have had lawyers spending all night working on the bill itself, that they plan to send to the floor. Certainly, a little of that same effort should be put into that resolution which is designed to effect the very constitution of the United States. I don't think that it would serve or cause any damage to have the public hearing and I think there certainly is a big chance on the basis of evidence of the past, that a lot of information could be gotten to the public and the issue clarified and the people made to understand this whole thorny problem of abortion a lot more than they do now.

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

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, members of the body, just very briefly, I would like to suggest that when the bill was heard before the health committee that the law of the land set down by the state, or United States Supreme Courts, suggested a certain plan for abortion, and those who happen to agree with that perhaps saw no reason to come to this hearing. Obviously those who disagree did come to the hearing and the profoundness of those who came to the hearing disagreed and that's why they were there, but the issue before the health committee was not whether or not we should or shouldn't have a constitutional amendment and those favoring the ruling of the U. S. Supreme Court obviously and quite probably didn't show up, and I think to extrapolate from that, that because the people who are unhappy with the decision did show up, is proof that this is what the people want, is, would not stand up in freshman logic in even an high school much less then in a college.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: Very briefly Mr. President, but I think it is time to fish or cut bait, either you adopt the resolution and try to stymie the further progress of abortion or you don't, you liberalize it, it's just that simple, so I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: The previous question has now been moved, does the Chair see five hands? Thank you. The question is shall the debate now close, all those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. The motion is to cease debate. Have you all voted? Thank you, the Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 4 nays, remainder not voting.

PRESIDENT: The motion to cease debate carries and we are back to Senator Kennedy, Senator Kennedy is now closing on his motion to suspend the rules and take up resolution #23, Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President, and fellow members, I think quite often it's good to debate on the floor, and I've been listening quite intently, I might say that the day the hearing was held on LB 286, probably we didn't spend enough time, but I think, I particularly came out of the hospital that day and came here to the hearing because I thought it was a real serious subject, and I set through the hearing, quietly observing and