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Savage, we're back to you sir. Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: It was my understanding that this is just a resolution to ask the Congress of the United States to take appropriate action. We're not debating the technicalities of an abortion bill as far as I'm concerned. Now all this is is asking the Supreme Court or the Congress of the United States to take action on the ruling of the Supreme Court and we're, we're debating an abortion bill here as to what the qualifications are.

PRESIDENT: Did you have a question of the Chair? Senator Savage?

SENATOR SAVAGE: Well that, that, that was my question. We're not debating the abortion bill, all this is is a resolution to ask Congress to take appropriate action to, to adopt some sort of legislation. We're not writing the qualifications, what the bill should be--contain.

PRESIDENT: Alright, Senator Marsh, it seems to the Chair that as long as it is your motion before the body that you should go--be allowed the chance to explain your motion to the body and then we'll continue the debate on that particular issue at this time. Senator Marsh has the floor.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, in the first paragraph on page 907 in the next to the last line, it says "no human life will be denied protection of law or deprived of life on account of age, sickness, sex, race, political belief, nationality, conviction for crime, stage of development or condition of dependency or wantedness." This is the amendment put into this resolution to cover various and sundry other stages of life, not just as the committee brought forth their proposal.

PRESIDENT: Alright, now, Senator Schmit, did you wish to be heard now on the Marsh amendment to LR 23? Senator Schmit, then Barnett, Kelly and Cavanaugh.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, Members of the Legislature. I agree with Senator Savage that this resolution is not to contain the details of any proposed legislation. It's just merely an expression of sentiment from the Legislature. I think Senator Marsh, that your amendment is incorrect in its description, I believe it's line 7 instead of line 5, that may be causing some--

SENATOR MARSH: Not really, this is the bill, the resolution itself, not as it is printed in the Journal. This is the correct language for the resolution. It is in line 5 of the resolution, not as it is printed in the Journal.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Marsh, I stand corrected. Senator Murphy accused me of not being able to count. You were much more generous, but in any case

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