

opportunity when he comes back to put this amendment on the bill and I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: Previous question now has been moved. All those in favor of closing debate will vote aye, all those opposed will vote no. Question is, shall the debate now close on Senator Savage's motion? Shall the debate now close, that motion takes 25 votes. Thank you. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Savage now has the privilege of closing on his motion and that would be to reject the Lewis amendment.

SENATOR SAVAGE: No closing.

PRESIDENT: All right, question is, shall the Lewis amendments to LR 23 be rejected? All those in favor of rejecting the Lewis amendment vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Have you all finished voting? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 5 nays, 17 not voting to reject.

PRESIDENT: Savage motion prevails and the Lewis amendments are rejected to LR 23, now we're back to Senator John Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: I move that we advance it to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: Motion now is to advance LR 23. Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. President, I think that if Senator Cavanaugh would listen a bit more closely he would have heard me say that the Supreme Court called itself making a legal decision and ignoring the moral, the religious and the emotionalism which has been injected. But they came into an area where there was a lot of confusion and tried to create a situation where since people are going to have abortions they could be done by a doctor in a place where there was no risk to life and the state would not be allowed to impose criminal sanctions and I feel that this Legislature should follow what the Supreme Court has said. Now the time to discuss a bill by the Legislature will be Monday or Tuesday, whenever it comes up. But on the issue of this particular idea of recognizing unborn as human beings, there was a bill which was to define dependent child in the state statutes to include those who are unborn and this bill was killed by the Judiciary Committee and no attempt was made to revive it. So when it's convenient and does not cost money, then an unborn is a human being for Senators in Nebraska. When it would cost some money, then the unborn ceases to be a human being and I believe, Senator Cavanaugh, that the moral and the legal cannot be separated in an ideal or philosophical sense but you know from your time in this Legislature that often the moral is totally ignored. So on this particular issue. I'm saying that because there is so much emotionalism, so much attempt to inject religion into the discussion, the Legislature should limit itself to the legal issues so that it can be dealt with at all and the legal position is that the Supreme Court's decision represents the law of the land. No matter what a Legislature says, then when the Legislature decides to take its action upon which its responsibility will be based, it should be taken on a bill produced by this Legislature and be either voted up or voted down and there should be no attempt to hide from moral responsibility--yes, I said moral--legal and political consequences by acting on a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution which will give the impression that the Legislature somehow has done something that affects abortions within the borders of this State. I think this amend--this whole resolution, the whole idea of it should be scraped. That's the