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SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, Mr. President, I think this body ought to be alerted to this amendment. I presume it's the same amendment that Senator Lewis has pending which we did not consider because he was absent. It was generally agreed among this body that we would be glad to consider it when the Senator got back on any position he wanted to discuss the matter. Speaking only for myself, I'd be opposed to the opening this thing up again to the introduction of any amendment that would change a single word in the resolution. That's only my personal opinion. This is a highly controversial resolution. You can take your position on why we passed it. That's everybody's individual position. My own personal position was that we ought to give this bill to those people who advocate it basically for the reason that any resolution we pass would be subject to court action eventually, in the other bill which is the abortion bill and, I, all I can say, I'd be opposed to the amending of this resolution in any shape, matter or form because it only reopens something that was reasonably well settled for a reasonable period of time. We gave this resolution to these people which was really meaningless. It only called to the attention of the United States Congress the desire of this body for them to consider in any form they so desired, whatever constitutional amendment they might be able to submit to the people for the acceptance or rejection and it's my personal opinion that that's the only way by which it can be settled is by a vote of the people in the area of amending, attempting to amend the United States Constitution, in order to do what many people want to do in the area of this important question of abortion and I would hope that we would turn the Senator's amendment down.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislature. I rise in support of Senator Lewis' amendment, he has a right to make this this morning because it was my efforts the other day that people thought I was being discourteous to Senator Lewis by asking that the resolution be placed at the top of general file, be passed on to select file so I like to give him an opportunity to place his amendment on the resolution.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President and fellow Members. I too would support Senator Lewis at this time and hope that the body would give him an opportunity to present it and the privilege at least of voting in the same capacity as it was on general file. I'm sure that we more or less understood that and I would hope that we would give Senator Lewis the chance to present this because he was absent the other day and whether we accept or reject it, we should give him the privilege of that opportunity. Thank you.

SPEAKER: At this time the Chair wishes to recognize 25 Eighth Grade Students from the Scribner school at Scribner, Nebraska and one adult and their teacher, Mrs. Kingston. These people are in the South Balcony, from Senator Hasebroock's district. Also, I wish to recognize 12 Grade School students from District No. 158 from the town of Hallam. The teacher is Jean Hansen and they're in the South Balcony and they are in--from Senator Warner's district. Is any further discussion on the amendment of Senator Lewis. Chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: --I didn't rise to oppose the consideration of Senator Lewis' amendment. That was understood yesterday that we gave him whatever time is necessary in order to attempt to have us adopt his amendment. I only said I was opposed to the amendment. I only call to your attention, this is a very important amendment and you ought to be alerted to however you want to vote on it now, rather than afterwards