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selection organization up in Douglas county, and you have reason to believe, as I stated in a public news release printed in the World Herald and other news media, and it sighted federal statistics from the Surgeon Generals office to the effect as to their was five times the draft rejection in the state of Nebraska for black young people as there was for white. About 50% rejection for blacks and about 10% rejection for whites. You mentioned this once to me, some similar figures or something that would support this some years ago and you mentioned to me again just recently, am I correct or incorrect?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Senator Stahmer, the thing that I said was that in the early part of the giving of examinations to a certain school in north Omaha, that the federal government turned down 85% because they could not read or write sufficiently enough to be in the United States army, and that this was checked on in such a way that the questions were asked in such a way that they could determine who were deliberately trying to evade the draft by answering questions incorrectly. In other words, they are able to take those people out by their method of examination, and that 85% in this early period were not able to read and write sufficiently to be able to get into the United States army. Now after that they relaxed the rules so that they could get them in even if they didn't pass the test, but at the early part of that, that was the case which indicates certainly something wrong with the school system in the state of Nebraska.

SENATOR STAHMER: Thank you very much Senator Whitney, your words speak for themselves.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion now of the motion to indefinitely postpone? Senator Chambers, do you want to close on your motion? Senator Chambers is closing on his motion to indefinitely postpone LR 19. Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All I have to say now, I will be very brief, is that I am not unmindful of the votes cast by members of this Legislature on variations that I have brought before the body. But we could pass a thousand specific measures without getting to the heart of the issue. There is a principal involved and each one of these bills which I introduced, which happens to be passed is like one brick in a large structure. We haven't even laid the foundation completely yet, so what I am asking is that we not present a corrupted blue print. If the blue print is corrected it may take time to fashion a building based on that plan, but at least when the building is constructed, we will have what we say that we believe in and as to my good friend Senator Proud, who likes to to try to convey the impression of being a country lawyer, but if you buy it you underestimate him. I don't underestimate Senator Proud, but I will tell you one thing, from the two most significant issues that I have observed him in, that is leading the defeat of the ERA, and fighting against what I consider the opportunity for children to go to a decent school. I say that he is a very effective fighter against women and children.

PRESIDENT: Question is shall LR19 be indefinitely postponed? Senator Carpenter for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CARPENTER: A record vote.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. A record vote is called for. The question is shall LR 19 be indefinitely postponed, all those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no? Question is shall LR19 be indefinitely postponed. Have you all voted. Motion is to indefinitely postpone LR19. Once again the Chair would ask if you have all voted. Clerk will record.

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