

larger communities. This would be jeopardized if, in fact, there was a rapid deregulation without some sort of compensating action. As you know in the case of the airline industry which was recently deregulated, the airline industry was deregulated but it was done by legislative action. It was done by Congress and in the process of deregulating they did some studying and they provided some beneficial compensating factors to those small states, or to those small communities which had problems in securing transportation or air transportation. If deregulation of the trucking industry should happen it should be done in the same way. It should be done in a way in which Congress can fully act on it, fully look at it, see if there are compensating factors that can assist the small rural communities and so forth. For that reason I urge this body to accept the resolution. It has had a public hearing, it has been dealt with discussed, debated so on and so forth. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support this resolution but I would like to just a few more answers from Senator Newell if he would yield.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Could we have a report of the committee hearing or statement of intent or what was the reaction to the committee hearing?

SENATOR NEWELL: I'm sorry, Senator Hefner, I may have spoken too softly. I did mention that we did have a public hearing, there was no opposition to the resolution. The only people that came and testified were in favor. We had six...eight people come, there were others in the audience that did not necessarily testify since we asked early on if there was opposition. Basically the opposition came from, you know, the trucking industry who said that the deregulation would be a very difficult process that if we do have...and again this is not a statement, this resolution is not a statement opposing deregulation of the trucking industry it says if deregulation is to happen it should happen only by legislative action. A study and an analysis of the course, you know of what will happen, what the effects of that will be. Most people spoke to that. They were in favor of it. The committee kicked the bill out eight - zero, five minutes after the hearing was over with. We talked a lot about the problems