

for a public hearing then. Beings that Senator Newell is opposed to this I can see what he is trying to do. So, I ask that you defeat his amendment and that we vote on the issue.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell do you wish to close on your motion? Senator Newell is closing on his motion.

SENATOR NEWELL: I do Mr. President and I would like to respond to Senator Haberman's point. Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Haberman stands up before us and says, I wonder where Dave Newell was in asking for a public hearing. Well you know Senator Haberman I am going to answer that question. Maybe a little offended but I am going to answer that question in a very logical sort of way. Senator Newell like most other members of this body looked at the rules. He talked to the speaker of the Exec Board and he was assured that this would be referred to the Government Committee as the rules prescribe that it would be referred to a committee. Now, I did not know that the games were going to be played Senator Haberman. I did not know that what we were going to do was to play a little back door shimmy-shammy here and run this out on the floor the last days of the legislature without a public hearing. That is where Senator Newell was. I was asking for a public hearing, I was told that I was going to get a public hearing, I was told that the people of this state would get a public hearing and that this constitutional amendment would be considered as constitutional amendments ought to be by our rules. Now, Senator Haberman where are you to come in here and say, look, look, I need this. This is important. It is important that we forget our rules. It is important that we forget the importance of this amendment. It is important that we not let the public come, we should not listen to the public as we do with everything else. One of the things that we take great pride with in this body is that we have public hearings on all bills. We take great pride in that. But on resolutions of this importance what do we do? We say look folks, we know what the public wants. We know what a majority of this legislature wants. They don't want any justice, they don't want any democracy, they don't want any public input, all they really want is for us to reject this and go on home. I say to Senator Haberman and to others that not only is that not fair, and it may be much, it may be just too much to ask Senator Haberman to be fair. That may be more than you can normally ask. But on the other hand, I think that it is only right to ask that for the public, for the people not only of Nebraska but for the United States. With that Senator Chambers has begged me for a moment and Senator Chambers you may have the last few