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quadrants, three-fourths of that are black people, minority people, Chicanos, people that work, if they work in government, in large part not in the policy making roles, but in the clerical maintenance custodial roles. Now are those the people that this Legislature is saying shouldn't vote, shouldn't have representation? Are those the ones that you are trying to get at? Or is it the person living in Alexandria, Virginia, or the person living in Maryland, or the person who lives in Kansas City and is the regional bureaucrat that we have heard so much about...so much ranting and raving about the regional bureaucrats? They are in Kansas City. They can vote. They have representatives back in Washington, congressmen and senators. I can understand Senator Chambers' sensitivity because if you look at the reality of the population of Washington D.C., if you look at the distribution of federal employees, and you look at the fact that this resolution does absolutely nothing, I can see that this would be a major personal insult. It would be as if the east coast passed resolutions saying that farmers and states dominated by farmers, particularly farmers of Bohemian extraction, should not be allowed to vote because we know the farmers get a lot of aid from the federal government. That is the type of insult we are hurling back at Washington. It has no legal impact, but I do believe that Senator Chambers is right, that this sort of insult will cost us in the long run and I don't think our country can afford to continue this sort of racial divisiveness. It would be helpful if this Legislature would let this issue die...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR FOWLER: ...it would be helpful if we would let it pass over. There is no reason for us in this state to rub salt in the wounds of history, to continue to insult the minority population of this country, to tell them that they have no right to be represented. I would hope that this resolution could quietly die on Select File.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Speaker Marvel.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Does the Clerk have something to read into the record?

CLERK: Very quickly, Mr. President. The committee on Miscellaneous Subjects whose Chairman is Senator Newell to whom was referred LB 612 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation that it be advanced to General File; 619 advanced to General File with amendments. Your committee on Judiciary whose Chairman is Senator Nichol

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