

CLERK: Mr. President, Legislative Resolution 24 is offered by Senator Goodrich. It is found on page 662 of the Journal. (Read.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, Legislative Resolution 24 is the same thing we did when Senator Kennedy, Senator Kelly, Senator Murphy and Senator Simon left the Legislature. They chose not to run for reelection. We passed this same identical resolution for them on April 18, 1980, last session in other words, and since subsequent to that Senator George has now chosen to leave the Legislature and to go to Germany to take a job in promoting exports, the sale of American products in German, in all of Europe, as far as that goes, I wanted to pass this same resolution honoring Senator George for his past services as we did for the Senator Kennedy, Kelly, Murphy and Simon a year ago. If there is any questions I would be glad to answer them but, otherwise, I move the adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: We have a motion on the desk. Mr. Clerk, read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Fowler moves to refer LR 24 to the Executive Board.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, Senator Goodrich is right that last year on the last day of the session as a tribute to four retiring Senators a resolution was passed conferring degrees on Senators. At that time I simply did not vote on the resolution. I did not think it is appropriate or proper for us to confer something that we term a degree but it was awkward that day to raise the question, the last day of the Legislature, and there was no point trying to argue it then. I didn't know that we were setting a precedent that would be conferred on all future Senators. The reason I suggest referring this to the Executive Board is that I think we need some clarification of policy. Senator Goodrich is suggesting that Walter George receive this degree because he has left the Legislature. There are numerous other Senators who between last session and this date have left the Legislature. The only difference is it wasn't their choice. They, in fact, were defeated. Now I am not sure if the policy of the Legislature is that if you have the good sense to get out before the voters kick you out we will give you a Doctorate of Letters, but if you stay so long that the voters decide not to send you