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I support Senator Marsh's position on this issue. I do not know Senator George as well as the rest of you but I do have a lot of respect for him. I have met the man and I visited with him and I respect him very much but I think it is inappropriate for the Legislature to issue this type of an honor. I think that the suggestion that Senator Marsh has made would be much more appropriate. The fact that we have done it in the past doesn't mean that we should continue doing it because I agree with Senator Marsh that perhaps it was not in order before and I believe it be time and I believe that Senator George would understand. I am quite sure that Senator George would understand and I support Senator Marsh.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh, you may close.

SENATOR MARSH: Is there no one else who wishes to speak, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: None other.

SENATOR MARSH: For the record, I voted against the resolutions last spring. I wasn't sure until the record was checked that I really had the courage of my convictions. In retrospect I thought I had but I needed to be sure. I do not believe that adopting LR 24 in its present form is the right thing to do. I have the utmost respect for and appreciation of former Senator Walter George and former Senator Walter George knows that. I don't need to tell him. Those of you in this body should know that since he has an earned masters degree that he would feel as I say he would feel as an academician an honorary doctorate should come from and may very well come from one of his former alma maters. We are making a mistake simply because deep thinking has not been done. I request that the legislative body cool off by postponing until tomorrow this resolution.

PRESIDENT: The question is Senator Marsh's motion to lay over until tomorrow, as I understand the motion, lay over one day. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Marsh. All right, record the vote.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 21 nays to lay the resolution over, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Any other motions on the desk?

CLERK: I have nothing at this point, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We will proceed then. Any other discussion on