

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Lamb, we are voting to cease debate at the moment. So let's do that first.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, debate has ceased.

SENATOR LAMB: Point of order.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Now state your point.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President, I would like to divide the issue. As I understand it, if we vote to approve this resolution, we are approving both the majority and the minority report. My request is to divide that so that we vote to accept them separately. So then we have a choice of whether we want to support both of them or neither of them, or one or the other.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Have to look at the rule. Okay, it is my understanding that the rule says that once we have closed debate and ceased debate and are ready to vote on it, the request for dividing the question should have been asked before we closed on the proposition or situation. So I'm denying your request. The question is the adoption of the DeCamp...did you want to close, Senator DeCamp? Okay. Just about shut you off. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I want to close because I do believe this is as important in this issue as the resolution you passed previously. Let me tell you why. I think all of us, yesterday and today, have used a little bit of political rhetoric, including Johnny DeCamp and everybody that has spoken. Commonwealth is a very serious political problem for everybody from Bob Kerrey down to local public officials in Lincoln. We are deciding on, quite frankly, a political solution here. The rest of the story is that is what I advocate because that is what it is. It is bellying up to the bar, getting the problem behind you and saying, for whatever reasons, moral, political, whatever, this is our solution. But the other half of this thing is you have elected, and the Governor has chosen, and the Lincoln senators have elected to also have a court solution, a strictly 100 percent legal solution. I'm willing to accept that if you then follow legal rules. The legal rules are