

no attempt by the proponents to operate within the committee. Earlier that day Senator Pappas had filed another resolution on this floor and the Speaker had tentatively scheduled that resolution for hearing. Also Senator Pappas had indicated that if that resolution failed, whatever the Judiciary Committee decided to do, he would attempt to pull it out of committee. So after those things were done, after it was as clear that there was going to be no attempt to operate within the Judiciary Committee to have the resolution heard here in spite of what the Judiciary Committee did, I acceded to the desires of the committee to go ahead and consider the resolution even though it was not on the agenda in order to avoid another Executive Session which we would not have been able to schedule before the hearing on the floor in any event. Now the Judiciary Committee held a five and a half hour hearing on this particular bill and even though we heard testimony from I think about seven until about twelve-forty a. m. one day, I don't think any of us and I, for sure, have anything like a very clear feel or a very clear understanding of the ramifications of this of what this would do. After the committee voted to indefinitely postpone the resolution and voted unanimously to have a hearing this fall in or near Thurston County to help to give the members of the committee a better sense of what this means, a better understanding of what we are being asked to do here, because we are being asked to do something here by way of resolution that is totally unlike any other issue I have ever had contact with down here in the Legislature, now I can recognize the impatience of the proponents. I can recognize Senator Pappas's desire to vote today on pulling the resolution out of committee and if that is successful, to vote today on the resolution itself to get on with it, to finish up the job. And perhaps the Judiciary Committee is guilty of being too careful. Perhaps we are being too cautious on this matter. But let me tell you why we are being cautious on this matter. Number one, this is something we can do any time and I am not here saying I am forever opposed to this resolution. I could very well be persuaded to support this concept once I have an opportunity to get up to Thurston County to tour the reservation, to visit with non-Indians and Indians alike and get a feel for what this is going to do. But, frankly, I don't have a feel for what this is going to do. Now maybe we are being too cautious and too careful but there is another reason for being cautious and careful about this and that is that once we do decide to do