

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Eret, do you wish to speak on the resolution? May we have order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.)

SENATOR ERET: Mr. President, members, I rise to support the resolution offered this morning. When the Chair announced to us on Tuesday morning the stunning news of the launch accident a rush of memories came to me about all of the work that had been done during the time that I spent at the Marshal Space Flight Center in Alabama during the decade of the 1960s, where design and development of the forerunner, Saturn launch vehicles, was conducted in order to withstand the terrific forces of a launch. I am apprehensive that consideration will be given to the construction of a replacement shuttle, that the space flight program under NASA, which was so magnificently carried out in the full public view, may now slip away under a cloak of military secrecy with the increasing demand for the defense related research in space. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. At this time I would like to announce that there are visitors in the Chamber, a constituent of Senator Sandy Scofield and a friend of mind, Mr. Duane Worley from Alliance, under the south balcony, who is a City Councilman in Alliance; and also...well, let's welcome Mr. Worley. And also the Legislature is not to be in session tomorrow. That would be the 31st of January. The next day, February 1, is the day that Carson Rogers celebrates his 39th birthday. Give Senator Carson the best returns of the day on February 1. There is an amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the resolution by adding the following resolve paragraph. (Read Chambers amendment found on page 589 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, that was indeed a tragedy that occurred. But there are many lessons to be derived from it, and it was an occasion that is being used by different people and groups for various purposes. I think there should never be lost in the shuffle the real possibility that this flight should not have been launched on the date and at the time that it was launched. There were weather problems. There were