

do that. What you would be voting to put to death is a proposition whose intent is to repeal Initiative 300. I don't think that what Senator Lundy and the other introducers or co-sponsors are trying to do with their insertion into this resolution is something that ought to be done just as a favor to Senator Lundy because he is leaving the Legislature. As they said, it is a very serious matter that we are dealing with, so serious, in fact, that it ought not even have seen the light of day from that committee, but I am not going to take up all of my 10 minutes that I am entitled to on the opening of this motion. I present it to you and I hope that you will vote in the affirmative. This thing has been before us too many times and in every form and for whatever purpose. It is one of those things that the Legislature ought not do.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rupp.

SENATOR RUPP: Mr. President, colleagues, I will only take a minute, but once again just so the issue is framed clearly, I think it is a straw man to say that anybody here is going to now resurrect the attempt to assault Initiative 300. It is not my intent and I, of course, voted for LR 16 at every opportunity up until now. We don't have that intent at all. It is very clear. We are inserting LR 311 which will guarantee the right to keep and bear arms in the Constitution if the voters so choose in November, to bear arms for personal and family defense. It is a right that could not be abridged by the state or any other political subdivision, period, end of sentence, pure and simple, and that is all we want the chance to do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

PRESIDENT: I will let Senator Lundy speak and then there are no other lights.

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. President, I would just certainly oppose the indefinite postponement issue and suggest let's vote on it, up or down.

PRESIDENT: You may close, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Since a lot of people have drifted away, as I look about the Chamber, I am going to ask for a call of the house, and, as they come, I am going to finish my closing,