

resolution itself, it has a fundamental error. The fundamental error in that resolution is it talks about the 90th Session of the Legislature, because this resolution was prepared so long ago that there was no thought, at that time, of a special session or even an opportunity to bring up the matter before that. I repeat, all you have to do to verify that is read the resolution itself, or check with the bill drafter. As to the Exec Board considering the matter, that would have been fine except what happened? I didn't remove it from the Exec Board calendar, did I. Who removed it? It was done jointly at the request, I believe, of Senator Chambers and yourself. I simply went along, when you said you wanted to remove it from there, so it could be debated up here. I accepted that. Further I accepted, as you have to acknowledge, the date to set the debate on this issue.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator DeCamp. The call is raised. Proceed.

SENATOR DECAMP: So, the matter is probably much ado about nothing, except for this, except for this, the perception in the mind of the public is that these portraits were removed because of one individual and his attitude toward these two presidents. My resolution simply sought, without rancor, without discussion of motives, without discussion of individual personalities, without discussion of anything other than to say these were two great leaders and their portraits should be allowed to be in this Chamber. My debate on the subject was limited to 37 seconds with a statement that the resolution speaks for itself. Had you handled it that way, I believe you would have cleared up the matter permanently, and probably without much pain. As it is now, the matter will go before the Exec Board, I suspect, for full-fledged debate and discussion as to who is, or is not, or was, or was not a racist, all this type of thing. With that said, I withdraw my motion and suggest that it could have been handled so simply, so easily with a simple vote just to affirm that we have nothing against their portraits being in here, as they were for many, many years.

SPEAKER NICHOL: It is withdrawn. Anything else, Mr. Clerk, to come before the body?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, a couple of items. Senator Chambers, with your permission, we'll withdraw the amendments to the resolution? All right. Mr. President, I have an Attorney General's Opinion addressed to Senator Hefner to be inserted in