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New York, November --. The full text of the resolution given out by the National Board of the National American Woman Suffrage Association regarding the much discussed question of reintroducing the Shafroth resolution in the Sixty-fourth Congress reads as follows:

"The National Board of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, following its custom of forty-five years, has instructed the National Congressional Committee to reintroduce the Susan B. Anthony Amendment in the Sixty-fourth Congress. The last annual convention of the National Association instructed the Board and the Congressional Committee to pursue work on the Shafroth resolution, but owing to the misconceptions of and opposition to the Shafroth amendment on the part of many affiliated organizations, the National Board is unwilling to take the responsibility of reintroducing the Shafroth amendment in the Sixty-fourth Congress and considers it advisable to leave to the annual convention the decision as to whether or not the Shafroth amendment shall be continued as a subsidiary measure of legislation."

The Board also gave out the following letter from Mrs. Medill McCormick, chairman of the Congressional Committee, reviewing the National's experience with the Shafroth resolution:

"For forty-five years, the National American Woman Suffrage Association has been fighting for the Federal Amendment which would give the women of the whole country the right to vote and put an end to the long and wearisome state campaigns. Owing to political and social conditions that amendment has progressed but slowly. Two years ago the Congressional Committee of the National Association evolved the Shafroth amendment as a 'pathbreaker' for the Susan B. Anthony amendment. The Shafroth was intended to give us more states and thus enable us more quickly to secure the broad Federal Amendment which we all want and for which we are all working.

"The Shafroth resolution, it must be frankly said, has interested constitutional lawyers and public men much more keenly than it has interested the women. Among our own people it has won intellectual converts but very few emotional converts. It is much easier to silence the critic in debate than it is to inspire real allegiance to it. This is because the Shafroth resolution is an intricate piece of legislation. After all, you know, women are not very different from men in their relish for simple issues and simple slogans. Trying to enthuse our



women over the Shafroth resolution has been very much like trying to organize a torch-light parade on behalf of 'proportional representation' or the establishment of regional reserve banks. They are all good tunes but they are not the tunes you march to.

"Under the circumstances, the Congressional Committee has had two courses before it. The Committee could set out definitely - regardless of the time, money and energy involved - to set before the women of the country the real significance of the Shafroth resolution and what we believe to be its helpful and contributory relationship to the older and broader amendment. The second course was to leave that work pretty much to time and the logic of events. As at present constituted the Committee believes that the latter is the wiser course. The Shafroth amendment came into existence to meet certain definite political needs, and when the women of the country see those needs for themselves and out of their own experience, they will know whether they want it or not. They have never really ratified the Shafroth amendment though they have stood by the Committee very handsomely and expressed entire confidence in its ability and its spirit. While the present Committee goes out of existence next December and cannot, of course, speak for its successor, we wish to make plain our feeling that the Shafroth should not be introduced until the women of the country are satisfied that they have gone as far as they can go in pushing the Susan B. Anthony Amendment."