

Resignation of Reinecke Sought

Sacramento

State Senator Lawrence E. Walsh (Dem-LA) introduced a resolution yesterday calling for the resignation of Lieutenant Governor Ed Reinecke in connection with his perjury indictment.

Walsh said Reinecke's trial could drag on for months at a time when California needs a working lieutenant governor.

"Mr. Reinecke should resign his office and if the people believe him innocent, he can be vindicated at the polls June 4 in his bid for the Republican gubernatorial nomination," said Walsh.

Last Wednesday Walsh sent Reinecke a letter urging the lieutenant governor to resign, saying the indictment "erases your ability to function effectively" in office.

Reinecke said the remarks of Walsh, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor, were "the typical desperate tactics of a candidate who is struggling to get publicity."

The resolution would require a majority vote of approval in both houses of the

Legislature. Passage would constitute only an expression of legislative intent and would have no force of law.

Walsh said the integrity and credibility of all office holders and seekers was strained while Reinecke retains office under indictment.

Reinecke was indicted by a federal grand jury in Washington on three counts of perjury in connection with his testimony before a Senate committee investigating settlement of an antitrust suit against the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp.

Walsh said Californians should not suffer because of what he termed Reinecke's "personal legal calamity."

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