

Before that, maybe some of you were around. I hadn't come just on the scene yet but I was approaching. World War II, remember, they bombed Pearl Harbor and we had a couple of newspaper columnists tell about all those Japanese on the West Coast that had to be saboteurs and they had to be planning to take over the country so we set up concentration camps, basically, on the basis of a resolution passed in a moment of excitement and fury to solve the impending crisis of all these bad Japs, Japanese, I guess we call them today. We called them Japs and everything else back then. We passed a few exciting resolutions in this Legislature in just recent years. Senator Carpenter, as you know, was must adept and skillful at this and we create a fever, fury and excitement and boom bo, thirty or thirty-five green lights go on up there, and then next week or two weeks later, we learn that we have given the farm away in terms of authority and power. And so I would submit to you, I would submit to you that these crisis very frequently work themselves out and that private industry knows pretty well where it is at on these problems. They are going to make compensations and some schools may indeed close if the situation gets severe enough and, generally, the authority and power of the Governor can accomplish as much by request over the news media as it can by us sitting here and just giving blanket authority to do these things. I guess I think people are doing some things to save gas and conserve fuel. I know in my house we are about down to 55° and I can't believe I am the only one in the state doing that. What I am saying is stop, look and listen before you pass a resolution that not one man other than Senator Venditte, and I know he is concerned, but other than he has read in here. Stop, look and listen before you give away the farm.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, this resolution has little more meaning than the paper it is written on and I think the Governor and the Tax Commissioner presently in their wisdom can make the determinations that might be needed, therefore, I call for the question.

PRESIDENT: Do I see five seconds? The question is, shall debate now cease? Record your vote. To cease debate. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 13 nays.

PRESIDENT: Debate shall cease. Senator Venditte, will you kindly close debate with your reply.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think Senator Koch's evaluation of the particular resolution is somewhat misleading. I don't think that we here as a body are fully aware of the energy crisis as it exists today in the State of Nebraska. I think if we continue to remain passive I think we will be shocked just as the eastern portion of the United States has been shocked. Mr. President, thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Resolution #7. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Record.