

April 18, 1980

LR 341, 343

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nay, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: LR 341 is adopted. LR 343, the Clerk will read.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 343 by Senator DeCamp is found on page 1862 of the Journal. Read.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, this is standard Peace Through Strength resolution that many veterans groups, chamber of commerce, other groups have passed throughout the United States. I move for its adoption.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: John, can I ask you a question?

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp, will you respond?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Sure.

SENATOR NEWELL: Is this memorialization, is that what it is?

SENATOR DeCAMP: No.

SENATOR NEWELL: What is it, John? What does this do? What does the purpose of this do? We just say that we are for Peace Through Strength, right?

SENATOR DeCAMP: We recognize that unless we maintain a strong military this country is going to be in trouble and we recognize in there, as has been recognized throughout the nation, that the Soviets have taken our period of laxity to be signs of weakness and have themselves build up and we say we have to be superior in strength to them or we are going to be in deep trouble.

SENATOR NEWELL: John, let me ask you this question. Does this mean superior in strength on conventional weapons or do we have to be superior on nuclear weapons or is this on all weapons or what does this mean? Are we talking...?