

that was their job. That is what they were trained to do. Mike had a regular pilot team, a pilot and himself as a team. One day a visiting Colonel came along and wanted to go on one of those runs. They said okay, you take the pilot's seat, and Mike will take the navigator seat, he was. . . it was his job to spot these rockets as they come and instruct the pilot which way to go and how to do it, which way to divert the rocket, that type of thing. The visiting colonel wasn't as adept in the team work as the original regular pilot, consequently they got hit themselves and their plane went down. The colonel who was the pilot and Mike both hit the ground standing up. The colonel has come back, been released and come back but Mike has never been released. They know he was perfectly okay when he hit the ground but he was right outside of Hanoi when he hit the ground and they have never released him. For example, one of the reasons why is that there are some of these pilots or crew members, for example, like Mike who were. . . went through the Air Force Academy with flying colors, he was supposed to come back and go into the field of nuclear propulsion. Consequently any of the boys that had any kind of a hint of training along those lines have never been released. I think we owe it to those men, we sent them out there, we didn't ask for volunteers and get them to go. Mike was drafted. He went into the service. We asked him to go. We told him to go. Now by gosh I think the United States government owes it to those men to get those men back one way or the other get those men back for at least the peace and comfort of the families, if they happened to have died in the meantime, but I'm just as sure as I am standing here that Michael Basilevac is still alive over there in some prison camp. I think it... we owe it to them, to Mike and the rest of them like him to get them back here at any cost. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature as with other resolutions of this type, this is one about which there scarcely be any controversy. However, when a situation is past and it becomes fashionable for everybody to jump on the band wagon, predictably everybody is on that band wagon, but when a similar situation which is live and threatening the country and the young people of this country is before us, legislatures at all levels tend to become very, very, reticent if not altogether quiet. I'm talking about El Salvador. A situation is being created right now where you can have additional people in the position of the young man that Senator Goodrich described this morning. But because