

Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll now proceed to Item 5 on the agenda and legislative resolutions and we first have LR 25.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 25 was a resolution originally introduced by Senator Coordsen and Preister. It's found on page 316 of the Journal. The resolution was introduced on January 21 of this year. At that time, pursuant to communication from the Speaker, the resolution was referred to committee for hearing. That hearing was held. The Government Committee reported the resolution back to the floor for further action.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, LR 25 is a resolution encouraging some action in the release of information on MIAs, POWs of the Vietnam War. It urges the President of the United States to declassify information relating to U.S. service men who are still listed as prisoners of war, missing in action from...in Vietnam and southeast Asia, except that information which would reveal means, methods and identities of operatives. This classification is needed because it is felt by the people who are interested in finding information about their family members, loved ones, acquaintances or just in the interest of bringing a finality to the Vietnam area an unnecessary veil of secrecy. This resolution would not request that this declassification would compromise any intelligence operatives. This resolution also urges that the normalization of relations with the governments of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam not go forward until this issue is resolved and until the remaining remains are repatriated to the United States. I would share with you that the resolution, and I thought this was quite interesting, lists by name, hometown, branch of service and date all of the Nebraskans who are still unaccounted for in the southeast Asian conflict. So it touches a great many of our districts and there may be those who it even touches their family or extended family members. So, with that, Mr. Speaker, I would encourage the adoption of this resolution.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Preister.