

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable Speaker, friends all, I rise in complete support of this resolution. As a cosponsor and as a Vietnam veteran, I am very concerned. I think that the healing has started in terms of what has happened in that long conflict that was not even a declared war but many of us who served in it certainly felt that it was such. I think that there has been an attempt at healing but healing cannot happen in a veil of secrecy. This bill attempts to at least bring to light some of the things that have happened to some of the servicemen. We're still getting conflicting information and even hearing of reports that may be misleading but we just don't know. And I think honesty and openness is real important. This resolution encouraging such openness at the federal level, I think, just furthers those healing attempts and I would encourage everyone to support this resolution. And I thank you all for listening.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we all know that resolutions that are sent to Congress or to the President, or, for that matter, to almost anybody will not receive much consideration and the person or the body to whom the resolution will be addressed probably will not be influenced by it. But the resolution does put the Legislature on record and a vote indicates that everybody voting for it agrees. I have to ask a question of Senator Preister. I will ask you because you're a cosponsor and I know that you're here. Senator Preister, in the second resolve, after...do you have it? It would be on page 318. It says this, "That the Legislature urges that the respective branches of the armed services be assigned to resolve these issues, that any and all future remains returned from southeast Asia be placed for purposes of identification, with the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C." Would you object to a period being placed after that that I read, and this language would be stricken? "And that normalization of relations with those countries of southeast Asia be deferred until such time as these issues are satisfactorily and adequately addressed." Would you be opposed to striking that language?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you. I wouldn't be totally opposed to that.