

African government opposition. The bill laid in committee until 1980. There was an individual who had graduated from the University of Nebraska, many years ago, and he made a gift to the Nebraska Foundation of, I think, 1,300 Krugerrands for the purpose of being converted to the use of the engineering school, or one of them over there. Because of the fact that Krugerrands were not money, in the conventional sense of the term, but rather a means by which South Africa obtained investment from around the world in their government and provided funds to undergird, I objected to the foundation accepting those Krugerrands. Well, you know money blinds and wipes out and obliterates principle. So the foundation said it was not going to do it. Doing some rough calculating, I figured that about a million dollars subtracted from the university's budget would equalize the situation. So I added an amendment, in 1980, to the Legislature's budget bill to lop one million dollars from the university's budget. Then Senator Marsh and some others from Lincoln indicated that the university does not control the foundation, that rather than take money from the university in the way that I was doing, try to find some way to put the Legislature on record condemning apartheid in South Africa while not at the same time harming the university. Timing is everything. That resolution that had had a public hearing the previous year was still in committee. So, we agreed that the wise thing to do was to pass this resolution. Had that Krugerrands issue not arisen that resolution might never have had a chance to see the light of day or obtain passage before the Legislature. So sometimes history brings about circumstances that will allow one or some who are trying to do the right thing to leverage that opportunity into a chance to do something worthwhile. The resolution was presented, it did not require a lot of debate on the floor, it passed twenty-eight to nothing. When people were testifying against the resolution, when it was before the Banking Committee, they made statements to the effect that Nebraska did not have much invested in these companies, maybe about \$25 million. Such a negligible amount would make no difference to South Africa, passing the resolution was a waste of time. But if you looked back to the information I put on your desk, less than two weeks after its enactment the Ran Daily Mail in Johannesburg, South Africa, was editorializing about the profound significance of what Nebraska had done. Being a Midwestern, conservative agricultural state, and I might add racist, which they didn't, they were saying this could start a bandwagon effect and other states might do the same thing, which turned out to be a true prophecy. Other states began to