

that part and it was...and it's unreasonable in your opinion, and you could show me where it's unreasonable, then maybe I would agree with you. But if that is not presented the only thing that exists as a reason for not doing this is because the British government is opposed to it. People say it won't have any impact, but it will. Governments don't throw money...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...away on matters like this. They throw it away on other things, but they're not going to hire lobbyists to go around this country opposing the adoption of these principles, if their adoption means nothing. If the State of Nebraska is so inconsequential, Nebraska would be written off and forgotten. But Nebraska was very crucial in the South African divestment campaign, and it can be very crucial in nudging those powers that have the authority and the wherewithal to arrive at a just and equitable solution to the problems racking Northern Ireland.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. There are no further lights. Senator Hall, would you like to close on your amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President. The issue has been, I think, debated, it has been around. Senator Hartnett just came up here and he was one of the initial introducers of this proposal, and he came up and he said, this isn't the same proposal that I had originally brought in a number of years ago, and it's not. It doesn't have the same kind of sanctions built into it. And I know Senator Haberman has always been a strong opponent of the original version of this proposal that did carry a number of sanctions, and did require divestment as the South African proposal that Senator Chambers put in place nearly 20 years ago now. The proposal in the MacBride Principles is merely nothing more than nine equal opportunity guidelines that individuals have the ability to help curb discrimination for purposes of employment. It is not meant to put a hammer over corporations. It is not meant to divest corporations, or Nebraska investment of corporations over there in Ireland. What it is meant to do is put Nebraska on record as saying we think the equal opportunity, the lack of equal opportunity in Northern Ireland, the lack of affirmative action in terms of hiring of minority, religious minorities in this case, is something that has to be addressed. And the way you, frankly, address things