

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Hoagland said something a few moments ago that frightened me just a little and made me reflect and think. He said, we all have to speak with one voice and Senator Hoagland I don't often ask specific members of the Legislature to listen to what I am going to say, but because my theme is completely different from Senator Schmit and what everybody else is talking about I am specifically asking you, Senator Barrett, Senator Vard Johnson, Senator Ernie Chambers, Senator Beutler, Senator Landis...I think they would have a particular appreciation, and start out by telling you a story that you might be familiar with starting at about, I think it was 1964 a couple of American sailors were on a boat in a place called the Gulf of Tonkin, and they saw some blips on a radar screen, and they said, holy mackerel, we must be under attack. They were kind of young and green and new, and it was dark and nighttime and the waves were kind of sloshing kind of heavy so they started shooting out things in every direction. Well nobody ever hit anything. Nobody got hurt, but the next day the headlines said that we had been attacked. President Lyndon Johnson went to the Congress and he said, we all got to speak with one voice...I need power to solve this problem. And within hours the United States Senate passed something called the Gulf of Tonkin resolution by a vote of 88 to 2. Moments later the House 416 zip, and we had something called the Vietnam war and in later years the Secretary of State and Johnson officially said, yes, indeed, the Gulf of Tonkin resolution was the equivalent of a declaration of war. Now you say, well what the blazes does some embargo on grain have to do with the Gulf of Tonkin and why be trying to draw up parallels. I am saying that they are precisely parallel, and that philosophically, philosophically we may have entered a new era, and I caution you, Senator Hoagland, and I go on record today saying I will be right a year or two or three years from now, because we have set a new principle for the first time in the modern history of this country. We have officially declared, we have officially declared by an act of the President without benefit of Congress or anything else that food...food, food, food, is the same as a tank, as a bomb, as a gun, and that it will be our first military weapon we resort to. It will be a weapon, and if you doubt, if you doubt that, then read what Mr. Bergland said in the last twenty-four or forty-eight hours. He said we had to keep it completely secret what we were going to do so that we could have the maximum impact with this new device, so that we could have the maximum pressure pain and so on and so forth. Now, I contend that the