

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, in view of the fact that Mr. Haig is not yet officially the Secretary of State for the Reagan administration and the current Secretary of State is involved deeply in the negotiation to have the hostages released from Iran I can understand the Legislature attempting to step into the void and take over foreign relations for the country. I don't think that these resolutions have any significance. They have no real value. They inject the Legislature into situations which are not totally understood by all the people who will vote for these types of items and I think there are serious matters to be considered before these types of things are done but I know that there will not be a discussion so all I am speaking for this morning is to be on record again in opposition to this resolution.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, I support LR 5. I think Senator DeCamp has done a marvelous job explaining the resolution. Presently Taiwan is buying about thirty million bushels of wheat from the United States and I don't know if you are aware but eight other states have declared Taiwan a sister state. So I think this is the proper way to maintain relationship with this great nation. When we were there we saw the prosperity these people are enjoying under their form of government and it is a free nation really going ahead and I think that we should admire this nation for the work they have done to give a better way of life to their people there. So if we can give President Reagan support to ... I'm sure that he will maintain relationship with Taiwan. I think the state should give him support, that he should go in this direction. I support LR 5.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I rise to support this resolution. My oldest brother, Dr. Arthur Peterson, who was director of the Extension Service in Pullman, Washington, spent three years in Taiwan. His family is now engaged in a furniture business where the furniture is all produced in Taiwan and I just really believe we have great opportunities for export and import from that country.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I think the point that impressed me most and the thing that was a vital