

American economy has been about for a number of years, and we have called it deficit financing at the federal level, whether it is twenty billion or forty billion, or this year sixty billion, and estimates up to a hundred billion. Now, what have they finally decided as one of the tricks, techniques, whatever, to stop that particular thing from occurring? In other words, the printing of money, by making it so expensive, by making it so expensive that you would quit borrowing it; therefore, you would quit having as much in circulation, therefore, you would slow down inflation. We saw an experiment to lower those interest rates which we all kind of knew was coming during the last election. When Jimmy Carter decided it was time to take the big shot, we plummeted those rates, inflation took off again and that is where we are today. So, yes, we would love lower interest rates and yes, indeed, I have stated on this floor and stated elsewhere that the high interest rates are going to make a number of people bankrupt, may even create a depression, quite frankly. In fact, I think we are on a mini depression now and we may be in a major depression before the end of this session. But the alternative dramatically dropping interest rates and opening up unlimited credit again may be worse than somewhat. You may blow the whole economy out if you have inflation continue at the double digit. So, sure I like the resolution, sure I like the idea. As a practical matter, I think from some conversations I have had with some people, the Reagan Administration is going to take precisely the opposite approach with the Federal Reserve. The jawboning is going to be with the Federal Reserve to maintain whatever they think is necessary, high interest rates, until they slow things down enough to where we get inflation under control. I am not going to vote on the resolution one way or another, quite frankly, because as I say, I think it asks for Paradise but it is like the cancer patient, you give them a shot of Demerol and a couple of good pain pills, you are not curing his cancer, you are simply dulling the pain and making him think...making him think he is feeling better when, in fact, the cancer keeps growing. The best thing for cancer is surgery or hard medicine and that may be very well what the whole American economy has to go through and it may mean somewhat of a depression or a very severe recession, and I think we had all better recognize that as individual legislators because I think we are going to be faced as individual legislators with having to try to solve problems one after another as they develop these next five to six months.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Burrows, do you wish to close