

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the adoption of the resolution and the Chair recognizes Senator Kremer and then Senator Burrows. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I'm sure that those of us who signed the resolution really searched our hearts. I know I did. I have come to the conclusion that the net result of this embargo has not accomplished what those of us who are citizens of this great country of ours hoped it really would accomplish. We are certain that our feed grains and wheat is being sold to other countries that in turn process these grains and the product in turn of course is being sold to the country to which we are trying to address the problem. That is unfortunate. Not only does the commodity get there but it increases the cost and at the same time we are inheriting a problem here in our country that is going to be rather serious. Those of us whose vocation is agriculture are greatly concerned what is going to happen unless the prices for our commodities get a little bit better adjustment. All of our energy fuels are up in cost, fertilizer is up in cost, everything is up, up, up and right today corn is selling for much less than it did in the middle of summer. It is not following the trend of the time. Unless some readjustment can be made in this area, as Senator Schmit clearly pointed out, we are going to see some shortages. The bankruptcies and the farm sales that are taking place today are rather disturbing. So after giving this a lot of thought I signed the resolution and I will back it up. For the best interests of our country at this point, I believe it is better that we raise the embargo. We can't do it. The best we can do is to pass this resolution. I support the resolution.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I fully support the resolution. I think that it was a sad mistake to embargo grain or food. History has not shown that you can starve other nations into submission and where, if it has been ineffective, it has simply reduced our balance of payments and left more dollars for the Russians to build military and has the really only effect of inciting the Russian people toward a more militaristic government and not working for a peaceful coexistence of the two countries. What it can do if it worked and it didn't work because they bought the grain elsewhere, they paid more and the dollar losses come back to the Nebraska farmer and agriculture in the U.S. What it did do, if it worked, was just change the diet of the Russian people to a little poorer diet, a little less meat and that is the issue and how you are going to get cooperation with a country by doing this, I simply cannot