

understand. If the embargo was on military technology that would be very understandable but to short our own balance of payments and leave the Russians with more dollars for weapons is a highly illogical theory. I support the resolution. I think we made a bad mistake in this country when we embargoed the grain and a very costly one to the State of Nebraska. The cost is not one in millions but probably several billion dollars to the State of Nebraska had we maintained the grain sales to Russia. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I guess I am going to hazard presenting a dissenting voice on this resolution, knowing I am sure that it will, in fact, pass. Now I cannot claim at all to have the expertise that Senator Schmit does in grain marketing but in the area of foreign policy I wouldn't claim necessarily to be an expert but I did answer one out of the three questions posed to the nominee for Deputy Secretary of State. The Deputy Secretary didn't answer any of them so I am at least a little more knowledgeable maybe in that area than a current appointee. It seems to me that certain things in this resolution we may not want to certify to, at least I would hope not. I guess I would try and strike a look at, not just the situation in Afghanistan, the situation in Poland which may be a country that those of us can relate to a little better, it is a little closer culturally to us than Afghanistan, and to notice that in the resolution the statement that says, the lack of grain has not been known to produce a democratic society. I think the circumstances in Poland would seem to indicate contrary, that it is food shortages in that country that has generated dissent, that has led to the formation of independent unions, that has led to strikes and things that previously were not known in countries in the Soviet block. So I would say that the lack of grain or the lack of food can create pressure for a democratic society and that I think we are, in fact, seeing that in a country that borders the Soviet Union and that may be something to keep in mind. Also there is the statement that the continuing embargo has not, without curtailing the adventurism of the Soviet Union. Well I am not going to claim to know at all the intentions of the Soviet Union and I doubt anyone in this Legislature is qualified to really make a statement with regards to that but again looking at the circumstances with regards to the country of Poland, there has been widespread speculation for months that the Soviet Union would, in fact, invade that country and for whatever reasons they have chosen not to and I am sure there is