

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Schmit, did you want to close, please?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'm not going to take a lot of time. I think there have been some good arguments. I respect Senator Fowler's concern. I recognize that he believes deeply in the things he has referred to. I still believe very strongly that if starvation is going to be a weapon, we can find all sorts of places we can apply that same principle, not only overseas but in our own country. I do not believe it has proven to be a humanitarian way of addressing foreign policy nor should we use it as a method of addressing domestic policy. I think that far better for us to attempt to satisfy the food and needs, not only of this nation, but of the world, to prove that our system is superior, that we can produce food in abundance, that we can merchandise that food and that we can become a principal granary of the world, that we can do so at an economic profit to ourselves, help to correct some of the deficit balance of trade which is today robbing this country of billions of dollars, increasing the cost of inflation to all of our people and causing serious concerns worldwide. The plain facts are the embargo has not worked. This Legislature said it would not work when we started out. Our Governor said it would not work. Senator Ed Zorinsky said it would not work. Congresswoman Virginia Smith said it would not work. All of these people have been proven to be right but the Nebraska Legislature to my knowledge is the only elected body that took official action as a group in opposition to the embargo at an early date. We did so January 14, 1980. We were right then. I believe we are correct today to reaffirm our opposition to the embargo and ask the present administration to do what it can to restore free trade in agricultural commodities because it is impossible to shut them off. I hope you would endorse the resolution and they would support it and vote for it.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, before we take a vote on the resolution, it is my privilege to introduce a distinguished guest who has consented to make a few remarks and Senator Marsh, Senator Marsh, if you will lead the escort group to the podium, Senator Marsh, Senator Beutler, Senator Goll and we will wait just...and the guest is the Honorable Andrew Young, former U.S. Ambassador. (applause) Mr. Ambassador, we are privileged to have you with us.

AMBASSADOR YOUNG: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and it is a pleasure for me to be with you. I had the privilege of being the neighbor of your Governor when I served in the Congress as the Representative of Georgia and it is a pleasure to come to this beautiful building and to.