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important resolution, that this is an important position to take, that it is a wise position to take for the general public. The natural gas companies came in in force and clearly evidenced the fact that they didn't want to have all this money coming into their coffers at this time in the way that the present Reagan plan would provide it. They want to see in a more gradual effort because they know that that is the best way to serve the public and I was very impressed with their testimony. I was very impressed with their public concern and it appears to me the natural gas companies are very, very reasonable on this point, and as a result of that, I think we should recognize that free enterprise has spoken, that the resolution is a wise one and that we should support it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Fowler, do you wish to close on the resolution?

SENATOR FOWLER: I would give my closing to the cosponsor, Senator DeCamp.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, will you close on the resolution then?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if Senator Howard Peterson and I had secret information right now that in, let's say, four hours a major devastating tornado was going to hit Lincoln, Senator Peterson and I would have an obligation, and I think we would both live up to it, to immediately do everything we could to inform the people, to get it to the media, to do everything possible to protect the people against that disaster. I told you a couple of days ago when we were talking about the energy bill that on the subject of energy I felt that there were experts in the field who had about as much knowledge as anybody and were on the inside track in terms of knowing some possible solutions, some possible issues that we at the state level should be looking at and I told you that person's name was Willis Strauss, the head of InterNorth, and that I had decided to go, since he has kind of been a friend of mine over the years, and sit down with him for a day and discuss energy in all respects and I did. His one obsession, his one clear-cut message to me, here Mr. Republican, more conservative than

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