

interesting to note, Senator Hefner, when you put in the various areas you identify that you omitted one that receives considerable support from the federal government and it has ever since the days of Henry Wallace, the Triple A program all began way back there in the dirty thirties. You didn't put "Agriculture" in there and I think that is a very important segment of our society. Now if we are going to take in the whole works, then let's name every section where the federal government does indeed impede upon local decisions including agriculture and a lot of others we could identify and name. So, therefore, I support Senator Chambers. Let's put it into a hearing, see what the input is from the general public and see whether again we want to prevail with such a resolution to the Congress and to the President of the United States.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vard Johnson, do you want to speak to the Chambers motion?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, I do. Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise in support of Senator Chambers motion to send the resolution to a committee for a public hearing and I do so because I think that it is good public policy in this day to allow the public to be able to come forward and speak about the administration's economic recovery plan. I am not going to stand up this morning and talk about the cutback on programs that have benefited the needy nor on programs that have benefited the middle class nor on programs that have benefited the agricultural community. I guess in the end that those decisions to make those kinds of cuts essentially are Congressional and presidential decisions. Nor am I going to spend the time talking about the concept of the block grant as opposed to a categorical grant though I truly appreciate Senator Koch's sentiment on that subject. But I am going to talk very simply about the one thing that I think has exercised the American voter more than anything else and that is inflation. We wouldn't be where we are today with President Reagan in the White House and with a different Senate and with a different House but for the fact that our political leaders did not get a hold of the inflationary spiral that is shaking this country to its foundation, and by shaking this country to its foundation, I mean very simply that it is shaking the confidence, the confidence of the voter in a healthy economy. I have passed out and placed on your desk a little article by Lester Thurow entitled "How To Wreck The Economy". Now Lester Thurow is no lightweight economist. Lester Thurow is an economist from MIT. He has published "The Zero Sum Society". He spoke in Omaha earlier this year at an ABC presentation. His remarks were widely published and were