

backfired here in the field of human rights. He says South Africa is sensitive to international criticism. But Pretoria's confidence that the U.S. will not react strongly to detentions has removed an important measure of restraint." So what we have to realize is that the American government by imposing sanctions against Poland and Russia, while ignoring the much worse violation of human rights in South Africa, has been placed in a very inconsistent and hypocritical position in the eyes of the rest of the world. Because of what America is doing in South Africa, she has alienated a great portion of what is known as the "Third World". The African continent alone contains over one-third of the world's known natural resources and should America alienate these forces as she is tending to do, there is a chance that there can be some strategic and other difficulties that America would encounter should problems arise where they need more of these minerals than they can obtain now. So all that I am asking you to do is adopt this resolution which does not specify any type of sanction because I don't know which ones the Legislature will agree on the Polish resolution to support. But this is my last point in my opening. We all know that a resolution from the Nebraska Legislature is not going to bring down a racist regime in South Africa, nor is it going to end the practices of apartheid or racial discrimination. However, it is a moral issue and since Nebraska is going to take a position, it ought to take the correct position on the correct side of a moral issue. So I am asking that you support this resolution in the same way that I am certain we will support the resolution on Poland.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion on LR 206?
Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to thank Senator Chambers for his resolution separate from the resolution on Poland, and I believe that if we are to continue as a country that is strong on human rights and freedom, that we will also endorse Senator Chambers' resolution on South Africa. The people there are suffering. Several, several months ago I was telling Senator Chambers they had a telethon on South Africa and it lasted for over, I believe it was about an hour and a half, and we saw then if some of you watched some of the suffering and the starvation of the young children, the elderly and absolutely no work, no food, and they too are in the same position as Poland, and I urge the members of this Legislature to approve of Senator Chambers' resolution. Thank you.