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SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, 1 am a little surprised, Senator Chambers, that you didn't also include that we request the Cubans to come home from Africa. If we are going to talk about civil liberties and if we are going to talk about what is happening in Africa, I think we ought to also address that particular subject in your resolution. Because you don't, I will have to say that I will not support the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, did you wish to speak again, your light is still on. All right, I will call on you, and then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, for the clarification of my good friend, Senator Higgins. Nebraska and this Legislature, Republican dominated, was the first state to pass resolutions and directives to members of the Legislature to go to Washington and confront the Secretary of Agriculture and the President over the issue of grain embargoes in the past. Whether it be President Ford or Reagan, this Legislature has made its policy clear from the beginning. We do not support the concept of using grain consistently as the whipping boy for foreign policy and as a defense weapon, at least we don't support it so long as there are no protections on the other end for the agricultural system. Number two, embargoes in the past of all goods, or whatever, have always turned out to mean embargoes of grain, embargoes of food products, because it is the grain that is the export item chiefly and not the other items. Number three. we have always gone on record in this Legislature as repudiating the concept of starvation, starvation of peoples of the world as a method of implementing a foreign policy or other things, and that is basically what most of the resolutions in one form or another, even though politely worded, ask us to sanction and we do not sanction that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, did you wish to address yourself to the amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President, I apologize and did not know that Senator Chambers' resolution was being discussed. I have read the resolution. I want to reaffirm exactly what Senator DeCamp has said. To vote for this resolution is to contradict the policy that this Legislature has always voted in support of. I want to point out to every member here that I have consistently opposed the imposition of embargoes..beginning in 1973 with President Nixon, proceeding with President Ford, along with succeeding Presidents, Presicent Carter, and now the imposition

