

of any kind of a hint of an embargo by President Reagan. As it has been said before and it is not original with me, you cannot starve the people into Democracy, and the other point I want to make for those who think that the only person who might possibly benefit from not having an embargo of farm products is the farmer, I would suggest that in any kind of a communist country or totalitarian country that the very people who you want to help most will suffer most, the poor, the old, the children. The communist army will always have food. The ruling people will always have food. It is the poor people who will be starved if anyone will be starved, and so you work in direct contrast to all humanitarian motives and I am sure we do not want to do that. I know that it sounds sometimes very strange when we say we have got to keep trade moving, but the facts are that two years ago when we opposed another embargo, we made it plain on this floor and we made it plain to the Secretary of Agriculture and to anyone else who would listen to us that it would not work. We said also many times the first who will suffer will be the agricultural people, second will be the business men and third will be the laboring men. I believe and I think there is sufficient evidence to back me up that the present economic conditions we face today are a direct result of that kind of an interference with international trade. And if you ask the five hundred thousand automobile workers who are out of jobs and the hundreds of thousands of farm equipment workers who are out of jobs, the people who make tires at Goodyear who are out of jobs, why they are out of a job today, they don't know why, except that at one point in time it became uneconomic for someone to buy an automobile or a tractor or some other piece of equipment. The economy is in a shambles because people who do not know anything about the economy are messing around with it. We always talk about the market system, and we talk about the free market system but when the market system begins to work and I want to call to this special attention to some of my urban friends, time after time we have had embargoes not because of overseas problems but because the cost of food was rising higher than someone in the administration and I would have to concede Republican administrations in the past have thought higher than was acceptable, and so embargoes were imposed. I recall well when I opposed the Ford embargo on feed grains. I took some very serious tongue lashing from my Republican colleagues, but I am consistent, I oppose them. They do not work. They have never worked. They will not work, and only the poor, the old and those that are not powerful or influential will suffer. I would oppose any kind of resolution that gives President Reagan or anyone else the impression that I oppose