

the sanctions that he has suggested. Even the discussions... even the discussion of sanctions have indicated a weakness in the marketplace and in the marketplace which is already far below that which is profitable for the productivity of agriculture. We are soon going to be discussing on this floor a budget and we are going to be arguing about amendments to that budget in the terms of hundreds of thousands and maybe a few million dollars. It is ironic, indeed, that this Nebraska economy has suffered a loss of two and a half billion dollars in the last six months. That is total value of commodities and livestock lost in the last six months which multiplied six or seven times would have created tremendous amounts of wealth for all of us. We have lost that amount of money and we are going to stand here on the floor and we will fuss and fight about a hundred thousand or two hundred thousand dollars. I suggest that we do those things which are good for the economy, which are good for all of us and everyone will benefit to a much greater extent. I do not see how this body or any body, notwithstanding some of the desirable language of the resolution, can vote for the resolution. I understand very clearly....

PRESIDENT: Half a minute, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...Senator Chambers' deep concern, and I share that concern, but we cannot condone the sanctions imposed by President Reagan if we are to be consistent.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, you may close on the resolution.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman...Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I wish this discussion could be elevated to a proper level. We are talking about human rights now, human beings who are denied even the right to hold a job, even the right to seek a job, where it is illegal for them to be in an urban area without permission from the government in a country of which they are the indigenous population. There are about 27 million people in South Africa, about 20 point something million are black. The white population in South Africa make up about 16 percent of the total population yet they control the economy, they control the politics, they control the churches, the schools, everything that could relate to a higher more decent standard of living, the very things that America prides itself on offering citizens and saying that it is fighting against the Communists to maintain. We are not just talking about grain, we are talking about human beings.