

let me say at the outset there isn't any doubt in my mind that virtually every member of this body accepts the humanitarian approach toward the poor people and the hungry people of the world regardless of what nation they are in or what part of the world they are in. I think it is amazing to me that we would even be surprised or that our government would be surprised or that any government of the free world would be surprised that the Communists in Russia and in Poland would eventually take moves to strike down solidarity. We all know what happened in Hungary. We all know what happened in Czechslovakia. Any country which is under Communism will not be allowed to gain any semblance of freedom so long as Communism is in charge. The unfortunate part of it is that the Communists very wisely chose the dead of winter as a time upon which to impose their sanction, create the shortages of food and, of course, fuel. People who are hungry and cold are in very little...in a very poor position, extremely poor position to resist that kind of Communist aggression. I do not think there is any way in the world that those people could possibly withstand for a long period of time that kind of Communist oppression. Bear in mind also that there are many families involved, whereas an individual man or woman might say, well, I can tough it out. When children are involved, loved ones, the issue becomes more complex. I want to call attention also to a statement made by President Reagan and it is kind of touching to me to see the support for President Reagan here by people who have never been able to do that before, and as Senator Labeledz has pointed out, it is one of the first times she can do this and she is very grateful to be able to do it. But I would just have to caution you a bit, President Reagan made it very plain in a television address, that they didn't want to do anything that might give the Polish people too much reassurance for fear that they might feel that the United States might really do something substantive because as he stated there was some concern that when the Communist Russians rode into Hungary that some of the Hungarian resistance was predicated upon the belief, mistaken that it was, that the United States would come to their aid. The plain facts are these, since the end of World War II the Communists have increased their scope year after year after year and the free world has retreated and have retreated docilely and quietly even to within 90 miles of our own shores in Cuba. The plain facts are that no one of us is so naive as to believe that the Communists in Russia or in Poland, that the 300,000 man Polish army is not going to be fed before the women and children are fed. I support Senator