

that would be a far more damaging step to take than what is proposed under this Natural Gas Policy Act. So we sympathize with Senator Burrows but we think the more reasonable approach at this time would be to keep the language that we now have in the resolution because it would be better in terms of trying to have some controls of natural gas deregulation.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Just to agree completely with Senator Wesely and you know resolutions are just exhortations, but this is kind of an educational one, because as Senator Wesely and a lot of people discovered, sometimes these things aren't just all like they appear. You just heard Senator Wesely support, which I don't think most people would expect the 1978 decontrol act and he is right. There is an important thing in there that 60% of the gas being old gas, in the State of Nebraska and by the way Nebraska is unique, we have more old gas than any other state. So that means we have got more forever supposedly would be controlled at the lower prices. So if they decontrol old gas, which is what they are trying to do quicker who gets hurt the worst? The State of Nebraska. So complicated as it sounds I oppose the Burrows amendment and would hope that we could hold on to the 1978 Act in exactly the way it was passed.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Burrows, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BURROWS: Yes, I don't see why any need for expression of support is necessary in this resolution of the 1978 Act. I think opposition is in order to a more rapid decontrol, but I think what we are placing ourselves in the position of saying is, do you want your leg cut off an inch at a time or do you want it all chopped off at once and I think that is a poor alternative in a resolution. I don't think we need to place the language in that manner in which we actually place a supportive position for what was a very bad judgment call in 1978 in order to oppose a worse judgment call today. Therefore, I think it is unnecessary, just totally unnecessary language that I am asking to strike. Just oppose a rapid decontrol and drop it there. We are not saying one way or the other on the 1978 Act if we move the language out and we are opposing rapid deregulation. I think it is simple and fair language.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the amendment by Senator Burrows. Anyone supporting it vote aye, opposing it vote no.