

resolution like this way back in the late sixties and early seventies...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...when we had a lot of flag burnings? Why weren't people upset then? Why now? I mean, it seems to me this is...it's ironic that we're doing it at this time when there seems to be more patriotism and more respect than I've seen in this country in years. To me, this is a meaningless exercise and we should not bring this LR 10 out of committee and put it on General File. If we do, maybe it won't cause any harm, but I don't think it will cause anything to happen nationally or locally, either one. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Before I go to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of Senator Kristensen. There are 29 fourth graders and their teacher from Axtell, Nebraska. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Also this afternoon at various times we're going to have members of a group from Nigeria, from the Nigerian legislative clerks who are going to be coming in and viewing the Legislature in session. I think we have some of that group up here now. They have been traveling in the U.S. They have been to the states of Colorado, Wisconsin and Illinois looking at their Legislatures and now they are all assembling here in Nebraska for the meeting that is coming up, the AOL meeting that is going to be here in Nebraska. So if those people from that delegation would please stand, we would welcome them and we'll watch for others as they come in. Thank you for being with us. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I'd rise to oppose the motion to pull LR 10 out of committee for some of the reasons that have been mentioned. It's strictly a resolution, it doesn't mean much at all and, because of that, I should probably just sit down and shut up and not say anything because I don't see any possible gain out of getting up and speaking, not if I want to go home and have supper in the Legion Club in Tecumseh tonight or anytime in the next year, but I can't avoid speaking because, Senator Hefner, what you're trying to do is just as offensive to me as flag burning is offensive to you. The symbol of our country, there are many things, but to me the Constitution and the freedoms that are provided in the Constitution, are number one. Nobody talks about the