about the closeness that we have had with the Republic of China since that time. I would like to make this appeal to Congress, join the other states around us that have appealed to Congress to have some recognition for this country in the United Nations, the Republic of China on Taiwan, and I'd like to encourage your support for this this morning so that we, too, may join with several states across...many of them around us. And particularly since we have a sister-state relationship with them, I think it would be appropriate for us to proceed with this resolution and petition Congress for the recognition due to the Republic of China. If there is any questions on it, I would try to answer them. As I said, I've handed out several explanations, what the country is doing today. They've come a long way in the democratization of their government, in their humanitarian approach to taking care of their people, and I think it is appropriate that we take this up this morning. There are four states neighboring Nebraska that have done so already, and I would urge you to do so this morning. As of February, 1995, there are 25 states that have passed resolutions urging Congress of the United States to adopt House Congressional Resolution 12.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, for discussion on the resolution.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Wehrbein, members of the Legislature, Senator Wehrbein, what is House Resolution 12 again please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That is a resolution presently in Congress now that is to petition...that is...purports, that is what I was trying to think of, the word purports, to petition the United Nations for recognition of Republic of China on Taiwan. It is not full membership to the United Nations but is a recognition of them.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, we've I think, obviously, have had a good relationship with the Republic of China on Taiwan, and I don't know the extent to which they democratized nor do I know the importance of all our trade relationships, but I think all of us are cognizant of the extreme sensibility, sensibilities of China proper to this particular situation. This is I think somewhat equivalent to a divided Germany type questions. As the Germans feel about a United Germany, so the Chinese feel, for the most part, about a United China, and I don't know what this resolution means. It