

organizations, and the United States (sic). You're making a mountain out of a molehill, in my opinion. I understand you have serious questions about it. I am not asking that they have a seat in the United Nations. It says to petition to Congress to study this. It is simply showing our support. It is not like we are declaring war or whatever is being brought into this. I didn't say that you did say we are declaring war, but it is still, it is simply a matter that submitting to Congress that they consider this, and that we, as the State of Nebraska, having a close relationship with Taiwan over the years, having a...being a trading partner in many, many areas, it doesn't seem like to me simply asking for some consideration for review of this is a major mountainous event. It simply says that we've had a good relationship with Taiwan, and that we urge the United States to consider themselves...consider this as they study, and that is what it says in a house resolution, by the way, the government of the United States should immediately encourage United Nations to establish an ad hoc committee for the purpose of studying membership for Taiwan in that organization and its related agencies. Now if you want to go on and decide what Taiwan has done in the world in the last 40 years, that's fine, but they have been a strong supporter in many areas of the world. I don't think that we are making a major distinction here, and I would be interested in hearing where you think specifically what you are opposing Taiwan for. So with that, I will go on record as supporting, I, too...I mean opposing the referral to committee, but I will do what the will of the body is. I don't necessarily want to take all morning on this, and if it is the will of the body to refer it to a hearing, so be it. But I will just simply say that I oppose it at this point.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Let me recognize some guests, if we could here today, pause a second, Senator Ray Janssen, who is up here harassing us at the moment, has some guests in the north balcony, 33 eighth graders from Scribner-Snyder School in Scribner, with their teacher. And we have under the north balcony guests of Senator Bromm, Joe Sabatka from Prescott Elementary School in Wahoo, Molly Tillman, and Jacob Katzman from the Friedel Jewish Academy in Omaha. They are under the north balcony. Would all of those guests please stand and be recognized. Senator Wesely, on the motion to refer the resolution to committee.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, I am a cosponsor of the resolution along with Senator Wehrbein and the