

regulations, practices, policies, the history of South Africa. I didn't come here and say South Africa is a bad country and this is why we ought to do what you are being requested to do. I gave reams of specific information, and if anybody wants to challenge me on that, I can take you to my office and show you the handouts that I gave, not just the volumes of information. We operated from a position of knowledge, facts, and history. In the case of this resolution, those offering it don't know things, have not studied the situation, don't even know what the formal relationship is, official relationship between this country of America and Taiwan. Taiwan does pay for the trips of a lot of public officials, not only in Nebraska, but all over the United States, and they pay for the trips of business people too. They have learned how to lobby, and by giving favors to politicians, they get favorable reactions. That is what this is about. This is not about knowledge. It is not about trying to bring Taiwan and mainland China back together. It is saying...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that the tip end of a little bitty tail, which is Taiwan, should be wagging the huge dragon of mainland China. That is not wise. Maybe we ought to go ahead and deal with this...with it this morning, and if enough heat is generated, we might restrain to some extent our offering of all types of resolutions. Many of them I haven't said anything about and have just let them go by in the interest of time, but no more. I think the process is becoming burdened, and when ignorance is the basis of operating, I think it is the kind of reflection on this Legislature with which I disagree and will do all I can to prevent from taking place.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, would you read the amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a communication from the Speaker directing the Clerk to forward LR 81 to the Reference Committee, pursuant to his authority under Rule 4, Section 8, so as to conduct, so as to refer the resolution to the appropriate Standing Committee for purposes of a public hearing.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Just to amplify on that, I've had conversation with Senator Wehrbein and Senator Bernard-Stevens that perhaps this is one of those matters that could be facilitated by debate at the committee hearing level, so we will refer this onto