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proceeding with the option that seems to be preferred by some of the members of this body. Again I ask you to support the nuclear freeze resolution.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Lowell Johnson.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: I call the question, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Do I see five hands? I do. Senator Johnson has called the question. All supporting ceasing debate signify by voting appropriately. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Debate is not ceased. The next light is from Senator Merle Von Minden.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: John DeCamp hit it right in the head when he said perhaps in a year there will be the greatest reduction of nuclear warheads that you can imagine and that is what it is all about. If they can divide us, it will reduce his power to negotiate with the Russians. The Russians are an aesthist bunch of people and it is much easier to lie and cheat and not keep your word when you are. That, some people are going to laugh about that but it is not so. Their only thing to them is strength, and I ask Senator Wesely in here if it was a brute strength, who will you pick on. He certainly wouldn't pick on Emil Beyer. He would pick on somebody much weaker. There has been a whole lot said here about the money we spend on defense. I am going to read you something here and it won't take very long and I wish you would please listen. It is about defense spending, the U. S. in the last forty years. In 1940 we didn't have much money but we spent 15% of our money on defense and that was only 1.6 of our gross national product. Go down to 1946, after the war was over, we still spent 75% of everything on defense. You go on back to 1961 when President Kennedy was in, we spent 47% on national defense. We go back on to, pick another year, 1969, we still spend 43%. Now get a load of this, ladies and gentlemen, you get back to 1982, we are spending 27% of everything on our defense and only 5.9 of our gross national product. What I am trying to say to you, for forty years we kept our defenses up by building machines to keep us from getting into war and that is what the Russians respect, and now we are down, and if we go ahead with the nuclear freeze, why you can believe where we are going to be, what they all want us to be, a bunch of communists. Thank you.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Rex Haberman, please.