

May 3, 1983

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 1905 of the Legislative Journal.) 47 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 94 passes. LB 142.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 142 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 1906 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 41 ayes, 8 nays, 7 nays, 1 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 142 passes. We will jump back to resolution 78. Senator Peter Hoagland has some special guests. Would you please bring your guests to the podium, Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, several members of the Omaha delegation have introduced LR 78 which is found on page 1835 of the Journal. The resolution condemns the Soviet Union and praises the brave members of the Afghan Resistance Movement for their efforts in Afghanistan. Here today is Tom Gouttierre who is the Executive Director of the Center for Afghan Studies at UNO who will introduce our special guests. Tom.

TOM GOUTTIERRE: Mr. Speaker, Senators, from time to time we read in the media and see on television that the people of Afghanistan are waging a war. They are in the fifth year now against the occupying forces of the Soviet Union. We read, we learn that the Soviet Union has over a hundred thousand troops in Afghanistan and that the people of Afghanistan are seeking to liberate their country to regain their independence. We read that the people of Afghanistan encounter chemical warfare, massive bombings throughout their country. I think all of us are somewhat surprised in recalling the time when the Soviets moved into Afghanistan in December of 1979, that today still the Afghanistan people are waging a very courageous war against this occupying force seeking to liberate their country. I had the privilege of living in Afghanistan for nearly ten years. It was a very beautiful country but I lived in that country for that long because of the people. The people are fiercely independent, very proud of their independence. They fought three times against the British in the nineteenth and early part of this century and each time they prevailed. They are very