

dock and let it be distributed by those local politicians and other bureaucrats but that we see to it that it gets to where it is supposed to go and that it does some good on a consistent basis. I know that there are those who say, well, this is all rhetoric and oratory. Here in Nebraska, here in the United States, agriculture is going through a tremendous economic crisis and halfway around the world we have people who are starving to death. We are in an economic crisis because we have too much food and other people are starving to death because they don't have any, you would think it would be a natural solution but the political people prefer not to find simple solutions to complex problems. They prefer the other way around. I would hope that we repeat this time and time and time and again until the simplicity of it finally sinks through to those people who are responsible. I want to point out that I have been involved in this activity for many years and one of my greatest frustrations is the fact that most of the agencies, most of the bureaucracies want dollars. My own church collects dollars. I am sure your churches do. Agencies collect dollars with which they get in the marketplace and only God knows how little of it ever gets to the actual source. What Senator Peterson is talking about here is to take the actual product, exchange it for some of the oil in Ethiopia, some of the rare minerals in Africa. It can be stockpiled, it can be used, and it can be hopefully channeled back into a more beneficial use. I think we ought to explore it, we ought to insist upon it, we ought to hammer home on it. And forgetting the humanitarian aspects of it, Senator Peterson, from the mercenary standpoint alone as to what it does for us over here, we ought to take a look at it. I would hope that the resolution is adopted and that it is carried forward and that it is brought home to the people who are in a position to do something about it because out here in Nebraska we are a long, long way from the hungry people but we should not forget them because the time will come when we are going to see that and we want to be in a position to deal with it. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner. May we have order please. (Gavel.) Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support this resolution and I commend Senator Peterson for introducing it. I appreciate the opportunity to co-sponsor it with him and the other senators. I became