

excuse for that attack, and for that reason, I oppose the resolution.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, as with many things that I undertake to do which will receive opposition, nobody can say that a statement contained in the resolution is untrue. Not one statement is untrue. When Senator DeCamp talks about it being a political statement, I am neither Democrat nor a Republican, but there are highly placed Republicans in Washington who are very upset about what the President is doing, who are pointing out that it is a blunder, not just political, Senator DeCamp, but moral. It is a moral blunder also. I cannot tell Senator Beutler how many people are buried at Bitburg, but one thing that he and everybody else knows, it was a staging area by the Germans for the Battle of the Bulge. It is also known that the SS did slaughter little babies, pregnant women, old people, and all those that we say we have a concern for. To parse sentences, to try to closely define words in a rhetorical exercise, to pretend that what really happened is not really as serious as it indicates the old business as usual attitude that existed while the Holocaust was occurring that allowed churches, political parties, organizations supposedly given to humanitarian purposes to look the other way and say it is not really happening. When Senator Beutler said there were many German soldiers who didn't know what was really happening in terms of what the SS may have been doing in these camps, it is reminiscent of the attempt to excuse everybody who lived in Germany at that time by saying nobody knew. Yet the "Crystal Night" was something that everybody in Germany knew about when they smashed Jewish synagogues, smashed their businesses, burned their religious works. I am telling you in 1935 they were denied citizenship rights. They were made to sew a big "J" against a yellow background on their left shoulder blade to signify what they were. They could not sell their property. They could not speak to non-Jews and these kind of things were occurring and people are going to say that those who lived at that time didn't understand. It would be like saying during slavery white people who lived didn't know black people were enslaved. It would be like the old German who is supposed to be talking to a little boy when a long black car with curtains over the windows went by slowly, and the man asked the little boy do