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certainly agree with Senator Warner that this whole concept of withholding of federal funds is of utmost importance to all of us because that is the battle that is going on in Washington now when legally appropriated funds are being withheld by the Bureau of the Budget through administrative decision. And I think that's probably one of the questions that we are addressing ourselves to is the fact that these funds were appropriated, these funds were to go to Nebraska farm programs as well as urban programs, and I would think that the committee would want to look into the total concept and maybe react to our congressional delegation. Our real concern that when legislative programs are authorized and subsequently funded that we have the safeguards to know that by administrative edict or bureaucratic edict that those funds cannot be withdrawn on a unilateral basis by the executive department and I wish the committee to address themselves to that question.

SPEAKER: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I certainly am in favor of this resolution and I am in favor of doing everything we can to assist our agricultural state in a--depending on the programs necessary. I think probably this is parallel of what happens within the state ourselves. If you recall, just recently we had a case of withholding of funds for expenditure that the legislature had allocated because of administrative rule, so I think maybe we should look into the matters to see whether or not the Congress of the United States had given the authority for this withholding. We found out that the University couldn't be withheld on but other departments could. So I think there is some problem connected with this because our own state does the same thing exactly in taking out of programs certain amounts of money which the Legislature has appropriated.

SPEAKER: Senator Fred Carstens.

SENATOR FRED CARSTENS: Mr. President, members, I don't want to prolong this but it bothers me a little bit at some of these things that creep into these resolutions and I hope that when we get into the hearing, if this goes to a hearing, that these resolutions will be properly prepared and I think also should contain an additional resolution that the Nebraska Legislature will go on record as supporting any matters that cause inflation, in full support of all future deficit spending, in unlimited expenditures on the part of the big spenders in Congress because if we cannot control ourselves here that we also cannot expect people to control the similar expansions for pork-barrel projects in any other state of the Union for any other purpose. I know that these are all worthy projects but in order to make a resolution effective we should go, be honest about it and go the entire way. So, let's get the whole thing into focus and get the whole thing where it belongs and if that is done, I will support this resolution.

SPEAKER: Senator Epke.

SENATOR EPKE: Mr. Speaker and fellow members, I'd like to ask Senator Maresh a question.

SPEAKER: Senator Maresh, do you yield?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, I do.

SENATOR EPKE: Senator Maresh, you introduced Resolution #4, LR 4. Is this resolution we are talking about quite similar to what you introduced or practically the same thing.

SENATOR MARESH: Well, that had to do with the REAP funds. That's all it had to do with, with the REAP funds.