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speak in support of the resolution being offered by Senator Burbach several comments at the same time. This morning my secretary brought in a whole handful of letters that said virtually the same thing as the reference that was made to the, to the farmer in Senator Burbach's community. This thing is growing and getting more acute. Now again I would like to emphasize in my opinion, this is only the beginning of sorrows. I think the thing is going to develop where it will be more acute in the next two years than we even know it to be today. Before this ends, I would predict that we will be going a lot farther than we're going in this resolution. I would suppose we're going to have to do something about our building code, that by law perhaps, they have to provide for more insulation in the building of homes and buildings using material other than glass that are not so conductive of heat and cold. I'm sure that we can save up to 30% of the energy that's being consumed today. That includes electrical energy as well as the fuels. Now this is attacking only one end of the problem, that is trying to conserve the use of energy, fuel such as natural gas, diesel, gasoline and electricity. This Legislature of this State, along with other states is going to have to go on record to encourage more production in offshore drilling, in bringing in the oil from Alaska that we know that we have. If we can overcome some of the problems, we're going to have to just get ahold of more fuel and I strongly support what Burba--Senator Burbach is doing here. It may not be much but in this case, everything we can do is going to be of some help. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes, did you want to be heard on the issue next?

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, Mr. President and fellow Members. I too would like to speak in behalf of the Burbach amendment and the bill. Last night I was in the drug store sitting down having a cup of coffee with one of my supporters, I presume, who drives a truck. He said, Orval, he said, one day last week, he says, I left South Sioux City with a truckload of refrigerated meats for the coast. They gave me 35 gallons of diesel fuel to get to the next town. That's how serious it is in Sioux City if you're there at the right time. My fellow farmers have told me that a Skelly Oil Company in Springfield, Skelly station that is an independent, has been limited, is limiting his customers to 85%. I believe, now of the amount of fuel that they had last year. I told him to keep my barrel full and he says, Orval, I can't do it. It was my understanding that when the war in Vietnam was supposed to have been finished, during the month of December when we were bombing He-double L out of the north, we burned 300,000 barrels of crude oil a day, were being consumed by those bombers. Now that we are pe--at peace, I have a friend that just came back from Thailand that says Orval, he says, we have five bases over there 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our F-1 jets leave our base and bomb Cambodia. Now I don't know the connections between this but I can say this; that if we have money to bomb Vietnam or bomb Cambodia or Thailand which is free land where the people have been at war for 5,600 years, a neighborly quarrel between themselves. I don't know how much longer our country can afford the luxury of this and I will say this on the price of gold yesterday and I like to watch that. The Arab sheiks that are taking the money for this oil decided that the American