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LR 16

highly complex. It appears that farm type states like Nebraska whose Legislature is dominated by farm type conservatives like Senator DeCamp would attempt to become instant foreign policy experts and I think it is a blunder which we should not start this year. I would suggest that we just disregard this resolution and any others that deal with foreign policy and what I am doing here is constructing a noose which may wind up being around my neck before the session is over. There may be some issue in the international realm which will inspire me to offer a resolution to get my opinion before the public but while I am rational and not moved, Senator DeCamp, by any emotional involvement in a specific issue, I say that a calm, cool, sane judgment is being articulated by me this morning and I should be bound by it. Even at a later moment should I lose my degree of sanity, calmness, coolness and being collected that I have here this morning, my recommendation is that we vote down this resolution and leave foreign policy matters to the U.S. State Department.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion on LR 16? If not, Senator DeCamp, do you want to close?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, as Senator Chambers correctly states, I am certainly no expert in foreign affairs but I have done some work in the area. The resolution does little more than say that we have known these people, we have traded with them, let's at least keep up some relationship with respect to that and I would just urge you to adopt it.

PRESIDENT: The question before the house is the adoption of LR 16. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Malfunction in the machine. We will vote over. All those in favor of LR 16 vote aye, opposed nay. Vote again. Senator DeCamp, what do you wish to do? How many people are excused?

SENATOR DeCAMP: We only need about five votes. Just a green vote, that's all.

PRESIDENT: How many people are excused?

SENATOR DeCAMP: So we can keep selling corn.

PRESIDENT: Twelve are excused.

SENATOR DeCAMP: This just says we want to keep selling corn to the Taiwanese too, that we do not want to sever everything, if you don't mind.