

to the pressure as most will do and go to the war. So I think in most cases, and especially the Vietnam War, those who fought were the victims. There were victims on both sides of this war. People from this country were not interested in fighting for democracy or a system of fair representation in government for the people of Vietnam. Mobil Oil had huge interests off the coast of Vietnam. City Services Oil Company had huge interests. Peter Kiewit had some of the largest construction contracts in the world in Vietnam so this was a war to protect certain financial interests in this country and that is why it was handled in the bungling fashion that it was. And had the Americans who were the old tired men who made wars that they did not fight, if they had properly viewed this situation, they would have seen that no country has gone into Vietnam and come away unscathed, not even China, although China could have probably destroyed Vietnam had they chosen to put their entire military machine in motion for that purpose. But the French found out at Dien Bien Phu that Vietnam was not to be toyed with. America, after investing billions of dollars, wasting billions of dollars, wasting the lives of many young men, having them come back here without arms, without legs, with their bodies shot away and destroyed, then having to beg for consideration, that is unconscionable. I am not a warmonger. I don't agree with most of the wars that America has been in because I see too many things in this country which would justify me going to war here if America were really fighting for the things she claimed to be on other people's soil. The least that can be done now for the people who were probably the greatest victims is to pass a resolution such as this, and although I am speaking for the resolution, Senator DeCamp, you and I went through many things trying to get a proper view of that war. My conversation now is not in support of in any way that terrible travesty called the Vietnam War. I would like to see this resolution get the vote of everybody who is here.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I stand in support of this resolution and I trust that we give it a unanimous vote, and in so doing salute the members of this Legislature that were called upon at the time of this war on behalf of our country, not only the particular members but also those that may have sons or daughters that participated at this time. I think that perhaps the American people are more proud of you than you think. I think you deserve the same honor. There may not have been the flag raising and flying, there may not have been the bands