

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, Senator Hoagland, members of the Legislature, and particularly Senator Chambers, I want to clear up some things because as I have tried to explain to you before, I am approaching the embargo issue I guess from a completely different standpoint than maybe some of the other members. Now Senator Chambers stated that the President basically has supreme power in foreign policy, at least if he didn't state that is what he should have stated, and that is pretty much correct. It is called executive privilege, and the Constitution pretty much gave it to him. But Senator Chambers and Senator Hoagland, I submit to you that we have a right, a duty and an obligation to be involved as a state Legislature because for the first time, for the first time, his foreign policy has a new tool and that is the private segment of the whole agricultural economy. In other words, he has now related it to us. He has now involved himself in our lives as individuals to effect his foreign policy. He is not using the standard tools he always had and that other presidents have always used. He is not using his army. He is not using his United Nations. He is not using special statutory clauses giving him power to go to Congress and ask for this or that. He has simply, overnight, without any other act said, I am taking over the agricultural economy to utilize in my foreign policy manipulations, and I would contend to you that this is a new concept and if he is going to do it, get it constitutionally sanctioned, go through the Congress or something like that. The next thing Senator Hoagland brought was he told us about people being killed and executed and people dying. Senator Hoagland, one of the most predilectional methods at times of crisis and in times of emotion is to describe terrible conditions and terrible things happening, and then somehow without ever doing it identify or relate the thing you are trying to accomplish to that brutality. In this case people are being killed in Afghanistan, there is no question about it. Russian tanks are romping around. Airplanes are killing people. And yet you have not related a grain embargo to that, to either taking one single troop withdraw from Afghanistan, or anything else. It would be as if I came and I described a terrible situation, somebody dying a painful death and so on and so forth, and then I ask you to pass a bill in this Legislature for some new drug that may or may not have any bearing whatsoever on their particular disease, may or may not have been proved to do any benefit to it, but I say they are dying terribly over there, they are suffering. Pass the bill. I am suggesting to you step back a moment. Have a sober look and see the relationship and see if you want to set the new precedent of