

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In number 10 whereas it deals with the lack of adequate financing from banks and so forth, is there adequate financing right now for agriculture, forgetting the embargo?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Without the embargo I would say that there was sufficient financing; with it, there will not be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, if there is a genuine feeling that food ought not be used as a weapon, I would suggest that we institute some programs to feed the domestic hungry in this country, then prioritize the countries around the world that will receive some of America's abundance. The countries which are hungriest and at least able to feed their populations are the ones that grain and other food products will be given to if they don't have the money to purchase it. The only thing I have heard this morning, and it makes me suspicious, and it is why, Senator Kremer, I said that people are only talking about money, the only grain that was talked about is that which will bring some money on the market. We didn't hear discussion based on high humane or ethical principles that the hungry have a right to eat, that human beings are stewards over the goods of this world and they are to be parceled out according to people's needs, that was not discussed...only the money angle of it. So if this resolution could be changed somehow to put Nebraska's Legislature on record and then we would follow that with appropriate legislation, at least within this state, to see that the hungry at home are fed first, then I would have less difficulty with some of the rest of it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I ask for the question, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease on the Keyes' amendment? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Keyes, you may close on your motion to amend.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I know there are a few people in this room who believe that American agriculture, who believe that the farmers have to have a decent price for their products, who believe that the farmers are the biggest consumers and the biggest users of money that this nation of ours knows