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for you to close on the resolution itself.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I want to be very brief and I want to thank the members of this body for having taken the time that they have taken this morning to discuss this resolution. I want to reemphasize again that it is a very important question as to whether or not food should be the first weapon used in war. During World War I poison gas was used as a weapon of war and finally the nations, all civilized nations agreed that it was too terrible to be used, and therefore it was outlawed. It was only used against military people. In World War II the atomic bomb was used against both military and civilians, and today that is considered to be the most horrendous form of warfare, and there are those who think that anything, any solution, is preferable to atomic warfare, but if we are to carry this to the conclusion, then food, starvation...starvation but not of the military, of the nonmilitary, is going to be a weapon of war. The most horrible kind of death of the most innocent people will be a weapon of war. I do not think we want to be on record in favor of that kind of action. I will not go into the other points of discussion that were raised here this morning. I would hope that the members of this body will support the resolution and send it on its way, and thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of LR 183. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you voted? Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I would ask for a Call of the House.

PRESIDENT: Are there five...six excused, so the motion is for a Call of the House. Clear the board and all those in favor of a Call of the House vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to go under Call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The House is under Call. All legislators will return to their desks. All nonlegislative personnel will leave the floor. All legislators will record their presence. Do you want to take a call-in vote when we get everybody here, or did you want a roll call vote?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Let's take a few minutes and see if any members return and...

PRESIDENT: All right.