

more of a friendship thing than anything else. So I strongly support the resolution. I think we will reap the benefits from it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just want to add my word of support for the resolution. I believe the Taiwan people have proven to be an extremely industrious, aggressive people. They have been strong defenders of freedom in that part of the world and certainly they have been good customers of ours and I would hope that the body would vote to support the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on LR 5? Senator DeCamp, you may close.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I do want to say something and I think I am saying something important. The reason I think I am saying something important is I am going to tell you this is different than the routine resolution. I am going to make some predictions and statements here that Ernie and some others will think are a little wild but I will tell you that indeed we are involved in foreign policy in Nebraska and we are going to become more involved in the future and we had better start recognizing that it is a whole different world than it was five or ten or fifteen years ago and this state and any state that is an agricultural state around us are going to be the keys and centers of the universe in terms of future world politics, economics and all related things. The federal government is stumbling over itself. Grain and food have become weapons of war bigger than bombs now. Nebraska is one of the places that produces vast amounts of grain that are primarily for export and places such as, I will use the word, South Africa, Taiwan, a number of nations, are going to be contacting us directly and dealing with us directly in the future because they realize that grain and food are even more vital in the future than oil and gas and we are the ones right now, Nebraskans, Iowans, South Dakotans, Kansans, we are the ones that control this. Do you want to see just how significant it is for Nebraska? We raise in this state something called hard, red winter wheat which probably doesn't mean that much to most people. However, hard, red winter wheat, about 80% of our product is exported. That is what the foreign nations buy, that particular kind of wheat. So, yes, the resolution does meddle, if you want to use that word, in foreign policy. It does say how significant it is that we maintain economic and other relationships with foreign countries and particularly one that has been one of our biggest trading partners,