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LR 189, 190

CLERK: (Read the roll call vote as found on page 2377 of the Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the resolution.

SENATOR CLARK: Motion carried. The resolution passed. LR 190.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 190 offered by Senators Hoagland, Wesely, Landis, found on page 2320. (Read LR 190.)

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, this particular resolution introduced by four of us is intended to recognize the efforts of Amnesty International, which is an international group that does what it can to secure the release of people who are held prisoner, largely in totalitarian countries around the world, for their political views, because of religious differences or for other matters of conscience. I think all of you are probably quite familiar with its activities. We have quite a number of totalitarian regimes in this hemisphere and elsewhere, which hold people for all kinds of different reasons oftentimes having nothing to do with things brought about by those individuals. The Soviet Union, of course, has a long history of discrimination against the Jews. Many totalitarian regimes in South America hold people without trial, without even levying charges against them for purely political reasons because they oppose the policies of that particular regime. This resolution is simply intended to recognize the efforts of Amnesty International and lend support to its international efforts and I would recommend that this body adopt it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if Senator Hoagland would yield to a question, please.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Senator Hoagland, in Christian conscience I feel that there is a close relationship between this particular resolution and the so-called Christian school bill. I am wondering if a group of us decided as Christians to vote for this particular resolution, if you would likewise do the same...place yourself in the same position as far as the Christian schools are concerned.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, Senator Peterson, I think if there were any Christians in Cass County who were being held in prison, being tortured, having their lives

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