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threatened simply by virtue of the fact that they were Christians and wished to exercise their religious beliefs freely. I would clearly oppose that. I don't think, however, that this particular...I don't think that there are any other similarities. I don't think there are any similarities between the Christian school amendment which seeks to relieve the Christian schools even of minimal regulation by the State of Nebraska to assure the most basic kind of quality of grade school education, and the problems that we're experiencing in the Soviet Union and elsewhere where innocent people are being locked up, tortured, sometimes killed, for religious views or political views.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Well I guess the question I would have whether or not this then has any relationship, for instance to those who left this country during the Vietnam War because they wanted to avoid going to prison, is this amnesty group one that is voting or working to try to get that group back into this country? Or what is the relationship with Amnesty in this regard?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: No, it has nothing to do with that, Senator Peterson. There was an article, a condensed book in the New Yorker Magazine four weeks ago written by an Argentine publisher, Mr. Zimmerman, who was incarcerated in Argentina for two and a half to three years, tortured, almost killed because his newspaper dared publish articles that were critical of the regime...the extremist regime in power there. Now Amnesty International is a group in the United States that writes letters on behalf of people in the Soviet Union, like Mr. Sakharov and others who are being imprisoned in the Soviet Union because of their religious views or political views, people in countries like Uruguay or Argentina. It really has nothing to do with the problem of dissent resulting from the Vietnam War in the United States.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is a good afternoon to spend on stuff like this. I hate to expose my ignorance but I haven't heard of Amnesty International and I assume everyone else on the floor has. So I don't really know what this outfit consists of, whether they deal in amnesty around the world, whether they are an organization that hides behind a nice sounding name and has nice sounding goals and does good things for the public, and I just wonder what good this kind of a resolution does if we do or don't pass it. Senator Higgins, you seem knowledgeable