

victims. These people have one thing in common. They have just entered the criminal justice system. Many rules and regulations during this course of their exposure to this system the victim or witnesses can expect to be moved around, inconvenienced, asked questions, and dictated to, all in the name of justice. The criminal justice system and its machinery are somehow overlooking the very people it was built to serve." And this is what Senator Goodrich is trying to do, to recognize the victim, that not everyone has forgot the victim. "Throughout this country one of the fastest growing grassroots movements is the one that concerns itself with the plight of the victim. This movement knows what can be done by citizens groups, by the police, and by the courts, if our society and its government begins to focus on the fair treatment of those law-abiding citizens who become victims of the crime." I have a bill before you later that will recognize the victim, and will cause the court and the judicial system if they cannot give restitution to the victim, they will say why they cannot give it. I think this is important so I really would endorse this resolution. I think it is a very important resolution. I want to commend Senator Goodrich for bringing it forward. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit, you are the last one to talk on it that we have up here.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Just want to say this, Mr. President, it was 1978 I introduced the legislation which became the foundation for the Nebraska Crime Reparations Act. As Senator Pirsch has indicated, she has taken an interest in that as has Senator Sieck. I believe that this Nebraska Legislature by its legislation has more than most states demonstrated our concern for victims of crime but the resolution is another indication of our concern. I support the resolution. I support the amendment of Senator Pirsch. I hope that we will continue to support the kind of legislation that has been described on this floor which emphasizes concern with the victims of crime. I believe that is the principal place for this body to show their concern for the victims of crime. I certainly concur with the resolution but I believe the principal place is on that legislation because that is where we can really in effect make our opinions felt.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Goodrich, do you have any closing?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Just the comment to the effect that I think this resolution after adopted should be circulated and anyone wishing to add their name as an introducer of the resolution is perfectly welcome to do it.