

are millions of them, we ignore them. Wouldn't it be ironic, if because of the present agricultural situation we face today in Nebraska and the middle west, we finally get something done that would benefit both the farmer and the black starving people in Africa by a farm program out of Washington that would provide for the purpose of food to feed those people and thereby bolster the prices for farmers and keep our economy strong. I think we need to support the resolution. There are unresolved problems, but they can come later. We will all have the opportunity to demonstrate our good faith and integrity on this floor many times in the next 70 plus days that we are here.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I call the question, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Did you call the question? The question is, shall debate cease? Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Labeledz, I understand you are to close.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much. I did ask Senator Landis if I could say a few words in closing because I have not stood before this body and said anything on this issue. As a member of the Commonwealth Committee we heard a lot of testimony. I recall, in Omaha, several businesses that have closed, including Falstaff, at the time that...and I believe that was in 1981. I know what it does to people just to lose their jobs, let alone their life savings. I feel very strongly about the Commonwealth issue because a person my age has worked very hard, all her life, and my husband's, to save a few dollars for our retirement, our burial funds and whatever that is necessary, even at times helping our children. I know any grandmother or mother would like to be able to help their children with their savings, even if it takes our last penny. I have done that on several occasions with my children, and even in my church and with people across the country, in missionaries, and even those that are suffering in Africa. I recall, a few weeks ago, and I mentioned this at one of the committee