

though as well is a recognition that it isn't just agriculture that the nuclear arms race affects. And I suggested that we should at least make the point on the floor here that not only does the nuclear arms race or any defense budget that is overinflated compete with the agricultural economy but it competes for the total limited resources available for essential public services and the resources that we need for economic growth in all of our sectors. So I wanted to make the point that even though only about two and a half million of our total population is directly involved in agriculture, anybody who is a member of the U. S. economy, or for that matter the world economy, will feel the impact of a continued arms race. So I think it is important that we make that point. The wording of this resolution would have us believe that it is just agriculture and I am glad to see all the concern for agriculture expressed in this resolution, but it isn't just agriculture who is concerned with this. The shifting of resources away from other essential services to more defense spending cannot help but hurt the entire population of this country and for that matter the standard of living of the world. I would agree with the point made in the World Herald that there isn't anybody in here a defense industry expert, but we are all experts about issues that impact our citizenry and we read almost on a daily basis what kinds of federal cuts we anticipate and what kinds of impacts those will have on our Nebraska communities and on our industries, not just agriculture but our entire industrial base. And I think it is important to keep in mind that to continue this type of shift of resources to the defense industry cannot help but threaten not only our national world security but our U. S. economy. I urge you to support Senator Wesley's resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, then Senator Beutler.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, this is a very complex issue. I don't think it has become any simpler since it was two years ago that we debated it at quite length. It is interesting to hear some of the experts, how they say that we need this freeze resolution and what it will do for us, how it will help us. I don't think this resolution is going to keep this country from being destroyed. I doubt whether they even will look at it or listen to us. I think that our best defense is through strength. I am sure that President Reagan and all the