

experts back there, the Defense Department, the Secretary of State and those people, know more about this and how far we should go than we do. Certainly, I don't want to see a nuclear war but I don't think just passing a simple resolution such as this will have that much effect on it. You know how we won World War II? We finally won World War II after we were able to build up our strength. When we were attacked, we were very weak, but as the years went along we built up our strength and we were able to defeat the Germans over in Europe and then win over Japan a little later on. I think if we are really serious about this resolution, we should have a public hearing. We talk about how strong our committee system is and so I think that this resolution, if we are really serious about it, we should send it back to the committee, let the various citizens in Nebraska testify either if they support it or if they oppose it. And so I would urge you at this time to not pass this resolution.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, the Senator Marsh. Senator Beutler, may I introduce some guests of Senator Miller. In the south balcony there are 32 seniors from Red Cloud High School in Red Cloud, Nebraska. John Mason and Steve Williams are their teachers. Would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting the Legislature this morning. Senator Beutler, thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would like to speak strongly in support of...or rather I would like to speak in strong support of this particular resolution, maybe both. In any event, there has been some discussion of freedom and how we best protect our freedom and, obviously, that is an important and a very important discussion. And I think when you are talking about freedom in a long term sense, there are really two ways that you can lose your freedom. One way you lose your freedom is by the destruction of your economic base because if you do not uphold and maintain and improve your economic base over time, if you do not do better than other countries over time with regard to your economic base, then you will not in the future have an economic base that will support the military in such a way as to enable us to have a good defense. So the first point I wanted to make is that to ignore the economic base is to ignore the long term future in favor of short term advantages. The other way, of course, that you lose your freedom is not to have enough