

Vickers. Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to oppose this resolution. I think the Nebraska Legislature...I don't think what we do and all the talk we do if we go all day on this is going to make a bit difference in the arms control and what goes on between the United States and other countries. We don't know a bit hardly, an iota particle what the situation is in regards to the military and I hope those that go to SAC next week and we get briefed that maybe they will lay it on us a little bit how important it is that we keep strong. While I think it is clear that all of us here consider the thought of nuclear war to be horrible, which it is, I think that we should realize that this is a view not shared by the Soviet Union. During the seventies the Soviet Union engaged in massive military buildup aimed at giving the Soviet army capacity to win wars, a nuclear war, and their development of first strike weapons show that the Russians do not necessarily share the delicate sensibilities of some members of this body. Right now as we are debating this, the Soviet workers are working very hard to develop and build more missiles and for strike...missiles to strike if they need to anybody that cares to attack them or maybe they attack us. During the seventies the United States was pretty on an even keel, just kind of lax as far as I was concerned on military buildup and I think that has hurt us. I think we have got to be strong. We kind of cut back and the Russians built up in the seventies. While the goals of this resolution are cloaked in language describing our current farm crisis and has to do with our national debt, I can't help but feel that the senators supporting this resolution surely wouldn't want us to defend this with bow and arrows or rubber bands or pistols as far as our defense. I, on the other hand, firmly believe that the only way that America can defend herself is through military strength of herself and her allies. There is no doubt that those supporting this resolution raised some valid arguments to support this resolution but I still feel that it is far above us to determine and debate all this time when we should be on other matters. And, I, like Senator Hefner, think if you are going to pass anything like this, I think it should have a formal hearing and have people come in and testify. I ask that you not support this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, then Senator Lamb.