

leave. Then the ghettos were liquidated and the Jews were transported to the concentration and the death camps. They did forced labor in the munitions factories of the Krupp family. They did other things under compulsion that were designed to strengthen the machinery of the Third Reich that would destroy them. People of all nationalities, races, and religions fought to bring an end to the Third Reich. There are bitter memories. Those memories should never be erased. What happened during that terrible period in history may not happen again on the same scale but the attitude that led to it continues with us today. It would be a terrible thing if Mr. Reagan's action would be used as a basis to pretend, as people pretended during the time that the Holocaust was occurring that it really didn't occur, it really was not that bad if it did occur, there were not crematoria, there were not gas chambers. These are figments of people's overactive imaginations. I hope that you will support this resolution so that we will not have to justify this period in American history as some are trying to justify Auschwitz, Bergen, Buchenwald, Dachau, Theresienstadt, Treblinka, and the other death camps. The least we can do is try to persuade the President to not make this inexcusable blunder.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I am going to oppose this resolution because I don't feel that we have any reason to be debating this. Here we go again. We are dictating to the federal government what they should be doing and what they should not be doing, and in this case, what the President should be doing or what he shouldn't be doing. I think we are sticking our nose into something that we shouldn't be sticking it into. I don't know if any of you were able to watch the Sunrise Program on NBC this morning but Senator Newell was on there and he said that he certainly didn't approve what the President was doing in visiting the Bitburg cemetery in Germany but he didn't think that the Senate would take any action today or tomorrow on the visit, and if the Senate isn't going to take any action, I don't know why a state legislature would want to do it. Yesterday we discussed resolution, LR 88, the nuclear freeze resolution. We spent an hour or so on it and here we ordered the Secretary of State, Allen Beermann to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of State, to the Secretary