

can say to ourselves, we have attempted to right a wrong, we have attempted to correct the terrible injustice that was committed upon the Jewish people many, many years ago and in so doing we, therefore, absolve ourselves of any responsibility to prevent such an action from ever occurring again or to correct those problems which exist today and, therefore, we continue with the business as usual attitude. That does not in itself give me enough reason not to support LR 97, but they are some of the reasons. I would like to just suggest that so many times in the recent days because of the 40th anniversary of the victory in Europe of allied forces we have read page after page, article after article which we recount the horrors of World War II and particularly the transgression in Germany by the Nazis and by the SS against the Jewish people. Very little is written, or at least I have read very little, that explains why a democratic society, why a civilized society for many years refused to acknowledge what was going on in Nazi Germany and did not take steps to prevent it. I wonder if, I was a young lad at that time, but I recall certain suggestions that it was not just an ordinary war in Europe and that there were well known instances of massacres, persecutions, yes, and even annihilations, but it was not documented. And so as a result 6 million Jewish people were marched to their death in a sense of resignation that defies human belief. I wonder, and I raised this issue many times, I know others will speak today, but I wonder if 40 years from now historians will again write the story of the millions of people who are dying today in Africa, other parts of the world from starvation and if they will wonder why civilized America and the western world stood by idly and allowed thousands, hundreds of thousands, yes, millions of people to die and took a far easier course than would have been necessary to stop the annihilation of the Jewish people in Germany. You all know to what I refer. And there will be those who will say the only reason that Schmit is concerned about the starving people in Africa is because his neighbors and himself are in jeopardy of going bankrupt and want to sell a little grain over there and I can handle that kind of criticism. I'm not afraid of it. Those of you who know me know better and those of you who do not know me don't care. I have been told by people in our government we cannot, there is no way we can get food to the starving people in Africa; don't you know there is a civil war going on over there; don't you know we can't get food to the people in Africa because the new governments over there,