

was done, women, men, systematically gassed, shot, starved, bludgeoned. And Senator DeCamp wants to say this is the way wars are conducted, this is the way wars have been conducted. War, Senator DeCamp, as somebody said, is indeed hell. But what these people did went so far beyond the pale that they were charged as criminals for what they did even during wartime.

**SPEAKER NICHOL:** Time. Senator Landis, then Senator Higgins.

**SENATOR LANDIS:** Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I decry the actions of the SS. I understand there are at least 40 members of the SS among the 2,000 dead that are buried at Bitburg. I also believe in the cause of peace and have for the last several years stood up on this floor and voted for the freeze resolution in various forms. And one might be surprised at finding a person of my voting record and my political party voting against this resolution. Number one, I do it because I distinguish between this cemetery which contains 1,960 soldiers who were not SS soldiers and the 40 SS soldiers that were there, but more importantly I don't know whether Senator Chambers or Senator Schmit have gone to one of those Memorial Day kinds of events and stood there while everyone has their hats on and sometimes their medallions and the flag comes by and the shooting of the guns and the giving of speeches that declare the nobility of the soldiers who have fallen in war. I have. I have been the featured speaker in those kinds of situations. I have been the representative of the National Guard who has been back to the Pentagon and addressed the Armed Forces Policy Review Board on the question of the role of young people and the defense of the nation and I have been called upon to make those speeches in graveyards on Memorial Day about the sacrifices that people have made. And I can tell you that even though you're there with your uniform on and the medallions and the flags waving, that as you walk out of that occasion, the feeling that you carry with you is one of sickening melancholy, of futility, of embarrassment, embarrassment that war has occurred, that we've used violence to settle our differences, that in thousands of years of civilization we've done no better in coming up with ways of resolving differences between people or stymieing the greed or acquisitiveness of various members of the family of man. I don't mind President Reagan going to a graveyard to look out at thousands of crosses of dead