

of food as a weapon, not so much as an offensive weapon but one in which we use it for peaceful purposes, one in which we use more along the lines of diplomacy. And I am sure that Senator Schmit will be able to expound upon that better than I. But I certainly feel that it is very important as Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, as a young farmer, myself, that we expend at a minimum of \$10 billion for the purpose of food for peace. When you consider a budget, a defense budget of \$300 billion, to ask to supplement that budget with \$10 billion worth of food for the purpose of peaceful means, I think that it is a fair and I think a very humanitarian gesture by the United States to help these countries that are certainly going through very difficult economic times, great amounts of famine, especially in the continent of Africa and I think that this would certainly be an excellent vehicle for us to make a statement to our federal government to assist Nebraska agriculture as a whole in using a resource that we have so much abundance of for the purpose of peaceful means. I traditionally have not supported a nuclear freeze resolution. I do so today because I have a great conviction that our priorities are out of whack in this state and especially in this country, that we have hundreds and maybe thousands of U. S. farmers going out of business and yet we have starving people throughout the world, and yet we talk about peace through strength. Our strength is our food and we should use it in such a capacity. And I think that it would certainly help our diplomatic efforts to use food as a vehicle of diplomacy. You know, a fact that scares the heck out of me as a young person, is that the largest percentage of farmers going out of business today are ages 25 years of age or younger in this state. That is a large percentage of people moving out of agriculture and I guess I have a great deal of concern with that and I ask you to adopt this amendment to the resolution because I think it is a timely and a necessary amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Point of order, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, your point...state your point.

SENATOR HABERMAN: My point, Mr. President, is although I agree with what Senator Schmit is trying to do and I will