

this grain to these people that are in so much need should be borne by the people of this nation, not by individual grain farmers whether they be in Nebraska or any place else. Like I say, I have as much concern for the starving people in Ethiopia or any other country, but I also believe, very strongly, that simply because you are in the business of producing food doesn't mean that you have a moral obligation to do it at a loss or to give it away. I think we as a nation should show some sensitivity toward those countries. We as a nation, as a people, should recognize that in order to help two sorts of members of society, those starving people on the one hand and our agricultural producers on the other, then we as a nation have an obligation, it seems to me, to bring those two things together. I support the resolution, but, as I say, I have some concern about resolution...or resolve number one, and that it is not interpreted in the wrong way, in the wrong fashion. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and fellow members, I have been working on this resolution for a long while. I have discussed it with many members of the body. I agree with much of what has been said here, and I appreciate the concerns that have been expressed by Senator Vickers that the responsibility for feeding the starving people of the world does not belong solely with the American and the Nebraska farmer. One of the things I have tried to do over the years is to improve the prospects for the export of grain. We know that those prospects have been severely damaged over the years by the intervention of the United States Government. We hear a lot of conservation now about how we expect and how the government is supposed to get out of agriculture. The facts are that every time agricultural prices are improving, the federal government has gotten into agriculture to hold the prices down, has been a bipartisan effort, Republican and Democratic presidents have done it with impunity. I believe that there are other efforts, major efforts, to feed starving people. I said this when Senator Chambers brought forth the resolution about...in which he tried to create a real sensitivity relative to the president's visit to the cemetery at Bitburg. I said at that time that I was very much concerned about the fact that 40 years later we are now concerned about the injustices that were vested upon the Jewish people. But at the time we