

people dying of starvation? I have been around the world. Many of you have traveled. This is the only nation in the world where people really do not literally starve...I should say not the only, it is one of the nations in the world where people literally do not starve to death but there are many nations in the world where people are hungry. We talk about cutting back the production of food so that we don't have to have a surplus. The one thing we do best is to produce agricultural commodities. It is pretty hard for people to understand that in a nation where we have surpluses, other people must starve to death in this world. Two years...more than two years ago I suggested that rather than a PIK program there ought to be a subsidized export program for grain.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Now our federal government has finally come about and tried to do that but they are going to aim it at countries that we used to sell grain to and which we have lost as customers. What we are trying to suggest with this resolution is that we target those countries where starvation is rampant as the major beneficiaries of this effort. I think to do any less is not to meet our responsibility, and I would hope that 40 years from now when the history books are written and read, they do not say that while millions of people starved around the world, the Nebraska farmer, the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature expressed concern but did nothing of substance. I recognize the futility of most resolutions but every idea starts somewhere and I think it is time that we took an idea and pursued it to a conclusion. We have received very little consolation in Washington. We are going to get less. I would suggest the passage of this resolution with a resounding show of support would indicate that, yes, we American farmers no matter how ravished we are, no matter how bad our financial condition, still recognize that other people are in a worse condition and we ought to help them. I ask for your support of the resolution.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Was that your closing, Senator Schmit?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I can talk some more, Senator, if you would like.

SPEAKER NICHOL: It really wasn't necessary.