

debate on a subject that really we can do nothing about except to express an opinion at a time when we have so many bills pending before us which do matter to this state and which can make a difference and which we need to spend time on. I think it is ridiculous to have a resolution on this subject and to go through a full blown debate, but I would be glad to do that. The reason it was done is because I think you have the same kind of experience that I have from time to time. When Senator Chambers, and not necessarily Senator Chambers but others on this floor, make controversial remarks on one subject or another, invariably I have constituents calling me and saying, well, why didn't you say something about that? And in this case my reply was, well, we weren't talking about that. Senator Chambers was illustrating a point. But what actually happens on the floor of the Legislature and what becomes an issue in the press may well be two completely different things and Senator Chambers' statements were an issue in my district and I felt, as I have felt from time to time before, a need to state my position and to respond. A couple of senators that I talked to felt the same need and so I afforded everyone the opportunity to sign the letter. The letter would have been sent by me alone had nobody else signed. That is the context of the open letter to the public. To suggest, as Senator Chambers has suggested, that it admits everything not mentioned is purely illogical, purely illogical, because the letter makes specific points. It makes the point about aiding and abetting murderers. It makes the point about supporting indiscriminate terrorism. I reject, as I hope you reject, indiscriminate terrorism whether it is used as an instrument of American foreign policy or whether it is used as an instrument of Libyan foreign policy. I am not sure that I need to go further. But I want you to know that I firmly believe it was the right thing to do and I stand by it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

PRESIDENT: There are others to speak.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, but are they speaking on Khadafy or whatever else is irrelevant here today?

PRESIDENT: I do see five...do I see five hands to call the