

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President, I rise in support of LR 17 and I just want to go on record as saying that I think it's very unfortunate, as a matter of fact, it's downright disgusting that we even have to introduce such a resolution back here in Nebraska. And I would like to quote out of the Farm Journal article that is attached to the handout from Senator Hefner. "Despite the constant barrage of complaints, American grain companies and co-ops defend our grading system with all the considerable clout they can muster." It goes into greater detail. This is something that we shouldn't have to spend more than 15 minutes talking about on either the state or the national level, something that should be able to be done administratively or very quickly passed by the national legislature, get it out of the way and get on with the shipments of the grain and the exports for the United States. I strongly urge you to support this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Eret, please.

SENATOR ERET: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to support the resolution, LR 17. I think that equally as important as passing a good farm bill would be for the Congress to, as rapidly as possible, pass legislation that would bring us up to a modern date form of grain grading. The article that Senator Hefner referred to from the Farm Journal in its original form in color, there is the picture there of a comparison of American and Canadian wheat samples. As Senator Nelson said, we get soybean hulls into wheat. Well this is obvious in this colored picture if you go back to the publication itself and there is just no imaginable way that you can think of soybean hulls getting into wheat unless it's purposely put there and I've also heard reports that the screenings from Canada are actually imported into the United States to be blended into what we export and I think this is a travesty. So with that, I fully support this resolution.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, would you like to close on your motion?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, in the last four years our grain exports have declined \$10 billion, declined \$10 billion, so you can see that we definitely have a problem and we need to move this grain out. We need to export our grain. But let me ask you