

resolution. (Read the Chambers amendment, FA118, as found on page 1704 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, I have said basically what my reasoning is for striking this language, but as kind of an indirect response to Senator Coordsen's remarks, I have a bit more to add. Senator Coordsen, I have no objection to trying to get this information. I want to make that crystal clear. I have no objection to the Legislature petitioning the President, Congress, the various branches of the armed forces to do what they can to get the information that will put to rest questions relative to where these individuals are or what their fate ultimately was if such information can be obtained and provided. However, there is discussion going on between this country and not only countries in southeast Asia but countries around the world. There has been a tendency during some administrations to assume an isolationist posture and say that what happens in the rest of the world has no impact on America. But we all know very well, and another resolution is going to follow this one which touches on international relations, we all know very well that America bears a disproportionate share of the burden when time comes to intervene, intercede, intermeddle, or intrude into the affairs of some other country. In this instance, the intrusion has come to an end. America suffered an inglorious defeat at the hands of the Vietnamese. This country learned nothing from the lesson taught to the French at Dien Bien Phu. All of those issues are matters of history. Senator Preister used the word "healing". I think all of us would like to see as much as is possible throughout the world a healing process that would give peace a better chance to prevail than war, conflict, destruction, pestilence and the other things that accompany war. When two countries which formerly were at each other's throat are in the process of discussing not only whatever led them to that state of affairs but how to extricate themselves from the aftermath, they must be given the opportunity to do that. This issue being addressed by the resolution is a very important one to the families and friends of those involved and to those policymakers who have to determine what the attitude of this country will be. These are the other countries that may have information on matters such as this and may be withholding it. But questions that have credibility or that are being taken seriously have been raised in international circles and even within the United States regarding the validity of this