

who are supposed to possess it, this country would say there can be no normalization of relations or an attempt to do so; the second instance being, the interests of this country in that part of the world. If America shows itself to be incapable of participating in international relations in a part of the world which I think in a very few years to come may play a dominant role in determining the direction that this world goes, then America cuts off its nose to spite its face. If the language is stricken or not stricken, I don't believe those to whom the resolution will be addressed will take much notice one way or the other. But I, as a member of the Legislature who am being asked to vote on an issue which is very important, which does have substance, as most of our resolutions don't, I would ask that you strike this language and let the resolution serve the purpose of insisting that this information be forthcoming but don't go the next step and say, in effect, that America shuts the door on normalization of relations.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Discussion of this information could be a crucial part of normalization. If these matters are being discussed right now, as a part of normalization, but there has not been an adequate and satisfactory addressing, then all that discussion has to terminate and the resolution becomes self-defeating if it were to be acted on by those in government who would have to make that decision.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Discussion on the Chambers amendment. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body. I rise in support of the Chambers amendment and very briefly a couple of reasons why. I certainly agree with the major content and the major thrust of the Coordsen-Preister resolution, but I think this body should take a little bit more of a cautious tone when we get into international relations. And I have also some concerns about the next resolution that will be coming up as well. But, nonetheless, the one before us, I...those of us that have watched CNN and other news networks for...from time to time over the last year or so have noticed that the Vietnamese government has made a policy change over the last year, so becoming more forthright, becoming more open, becoming more in a tune of working with the United States in order to try to clear up as many of the MIAs missing in action