

as possible. Certainly would hope for that to continue. One of the reasons they have done this, obviously, is because they want to get a normalization of relations with this country, certainly the investment and other criteria is a major part of that. I would...I would caution the body, if the United States or even if the State of Nebraska urges the United States to take a position that X number of things or particular things need to be taken care of before we normalize relations, there simply is no incentive for that country to do a norm...a...to work with us on the MIA situation. They clearly have opened up the process. They clearly have said the ball is in our court and those senators of the United States Senate and our Congressional Representatives that have gone to Vietnam, have, for the most part, come back and said, is our next step to begin normalized relations because we can expect to have a better working relationship. And, again, I point out to the body, if the United States simply says we're not going to normalize relationships, there is no incentive for the Vietnamese government to continue to work with us on this particular issue. I might also point out that it's still the role of the Commander in Chief, for the most part, to decide whether or not we're going to normalize relations in regards to foreign policy and in the final analysis it will be his decision based on a lot of issues, not just this particular one. I would also like to point out to the body, and please remember, we have other countries that we do have normalized relationships with that we also have some concerns about Americans who are missing, Americans who have been killed that we don't understand why and the whereas behind those incidents, and I refer specifically to El Salvador and Nicaragua, but we still have normal relationships with those countries. I support the Chambers amendment. It certainly does not take away from the drift of the resolution that we want to work towards the solving of the MIA situation where we have all identified as possible and that portion of it is good. This part that Senator Chambers is wishing to strike, I think is a reasonable one to strike and the body should do so and then move on.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Before I proceed to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature. They are guests of Senator Moore. We have 22 fourth grade students from Seward Elementary and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being here. Senator Coordsen.