

That is the first portion of this resolution, and I wanted to be sure that the figures were clear in terms of the language now contained.

Mr. MORSE. Mr. Chairman.

Chairman MORGAN. Mr. Morse.

Mr. MORSE. Mr. Ambassador, in your remarks—and I copied your language down very carefully—you said, “This resource which would be provided for under this language.”

Now, it seems to me that what you are implicitly suggesting is that this is an authorization. Those were your precise words, sir—“This resource which would be provided for under this language.”

Now, do you suggest that we are in fact committing ourselves, or what do you suggest by the use of that language? It was your language, sir.

Ambassador LINOWITZ. Mr. Congressman, if the language is not as precise as I will now make it, please regard the amateur nature of the witness for the moment and let me go back and state it so there is no misunderstanding.

Mr. MORSE. If you, as American Representative to the Inter-American Committee of the Alliance for Progress and Ambassador to the Organization of American States, have an understanding as expressed by the words you use, clearly the Latin Americans and everybody else is going to have the same understanding.

Chairman MORGAN. I wonder if we might proceed in regular order and the members reserve their questions until after we have heard the Ambassador's statement?

Ambassador LINOWITZ. Thank you, sir.

The second paragraph refers to the United States joining with the other members of the Inter-American Development Bank in the provision of resources to that institution to be used for financing multinational projects which promote Latin American economic integration.

During the past 3 years—if I may just say a word about that—we have been contributing at the rate of \$250 million a year to the Fund for Special Operations of the Inter-American Development Bank.

The President in the budget indicated that he would be requesting replenishment of that fund for the next 3 years. The rate of U.S. contribution over the past 3 years was \$250 million a year.

What we are concerned about in this resolution is augmenting that Fund. What we have in mind is, that we should cooperate with the Latin American countries in the provision of additional resources in making these multinational projects actually come alive and become effective.

Our thought is that we would be coming back to you and asking for \$50 million a year additional in this Fund over a 3 year period, or a total of \$150 million.

Just to avoid any misunderstanding, what I am saying is, that we would expect to be coming back here shortly to make our case for this \$50 million per year, together with our regular \$250 million annual contribution 3 years for each of the next 3 years to augment the contribution to the Fund for Special Operations.

Now, the third financial portion of the problem before us is dealt with in the fourth paragraph, that the U.S. provide an increase in assistance under the Alliance for Progress for programs of educational and agricultural modernization and improvement of health.