

Chairman MORGAN. The gentleman's time has expired.

Mr. MORSE.

Mr. MORSE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I am grateful, Mr. Ambassador, for the explanatory statement you made a few moments ago, because it puts at rest some of the questions that I have had.

I do have a conscientious convictions that some of the language in the resolution as presented goes beyond that which the Congress should now commit itself. I support fully the concept of the Latin American Common Market and the objectives of the resolution. However, I am troubled by this perhaps technical but, in my view a perfectly valid point, that the Congress is committing itself and is in fact endorsing the Presidential recommendation, "I recommend that the Congress approve the commitment to increase our aid."

It seems to me that this resolution was designed to give expression to the Presidential recommendation.

I shall now pose a question to you, sir, to determine what kind of a lawyer you are.

Does the Congress have the constitutional right to make the sort of commitment encompassed in that statement?

Ambassador LINOWITZ. I am still enough of a lawyer to say I would like to look it up; but we have talked about it, sir, and I understand that it has been done in the past in some situations, but if I might say so that is not the commitment we are asking for here or suggesting here. It is only a commitment to the principle expressed in the resolution.

Mr. MORSE. If we can modify slightly the language of the operative clauses recommended by the administration to overcome the reservations and concerns that some of us on this side of the aisle have, but give clear expression to a commitment to the principle, would that be acceptable to the administration?

Ambassador LINOWITZ. I am certain that there is no magic in these precise words, and therefore if we could find words that do the same thing and will not—and you are more familiar with this than I am—that will not cause delay in the other body in getting the resolution through, we would welcome your cooperation.

Mr. MORSE. As a matter of fact, I think it would expedite consideration by the other body if we were to effect these. There is no magic in the language, I am sure, but my colleague from New Jersey awhile ago asked, as an aside, to whom does the Congress recommend? The word "recommend" is used in several of the operative clauses, and I don't know to whom Congress recommends.

Does it recommend to the President? Does it recommend to subsequent Congresses? Does it recommend to the people of the United States?

It is these kinds of questions that trouble me.

Ambassador LINOWITZ. I might say that Mr. Frelinghuysen asked me the same question yesterday, and my response was "recommend to the President," that this would be Congress recommendation to the President that this be undertaken, because what we hope is that the President could go to the summit meeting and say that he has the recommendation of Congress that he follow this course.