

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 52nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairperson Eleanor Vaughn, on January 10, 1991, at 10:00 A.M. in Room 405.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Eleanor Vaughn, Chairman (D)
Bob Pipinich, Vice Chairman (D)
John Jr. Anderson (R)
Chet Blaylock (D)
James Burnett (R)
Bill Farrell (R)
Harry Fritz (D)
Bob Hockett (D)
Jack Rea (D)
Bernie Swift (R)

Members Excused: None

Staff Present: David Niss (Legislative Council).

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Announcements/Discussion: None

HEARING ON SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Brown, District 2, stated SJR 5 is a letter on behalf of the legislature of the State of Montana representing the people of Montana to the Montana service people stationed in the Persian Gulf in the Middle East. Briefly it acknowledges that there are over 1000 Montana persons presently on duty in the Middle East as a part of Operation Desert Shield. He proposed several clarifying amendments. (See Exhibit 1)

Proponents Testimony:

John Ortwein, Director of the Montana Catholic Conference, testified in favor of SJR 5 and asked the committee to vote yes. (See exhibit 2)

Eric Feaver, representing the Montana Education Association, on

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behalf of their 8,500 members they consider support of this resolution a small part in giving a strong message of support to our soldiers in the Middle East. Please support SJR 5.

George Posten speaking for the United Veterans Com. of MT said it was extremely important to service people to know that those at home are behind you 100%. The military doesn't have choices and sometimes what they have to do isn't pleasant. They really need support.

Hal Manson representing the American Legion of Montana with 13,000 members, many of whom have been to combat and many in more than 1 war. It is important to know the people at home support, hope, and pray for them. It is comforting to know that what you are doing is right and the people back home appreciate it.

Rich Brown, administrator for the Montana Board of Veterans Affairs, who unanimously endorses this resolution. Please pass. Thank you.

Robert VanDerVere a concerned a veteran from World War II asked the committee to approve this bill.

John DenHerder, Legislative Director, Department of Montana Disabled American Veterans, wholeheartedly supports this resolution.

Vicki Cocchiarella, Representative, House District 59, Missoula, urges you support this resolution and pray that those people return safely without shots being fired.

Mark O'Keefe, Representative, House District 45, Helena, wholeheartedly supports SJR 5. He urges speed in passage of this measure. He recalled receiving a state flag from Penn., his home state when he was in the service, and he treasures that gift still.

Major Art Heffelfinger, U.S.A. recently returned from the gulf, and brings greetings from the 18th Airborne Corp. and all the deployed forces there. It's taken a lot more courage to walk into this committee room than to go to the Persian Gulf. He supports SJR 5. There is a dichotomy of difference between the Viet Nam War and this deployment. He said that the unified voice with which we all speak will and the unified front we present to the Iraqis. That is important at this critical junction. As the events of the last days show, there has been credibility on the part of the United States versus the Iraqis. Anything we can do to underscore that this country means what it says, will be appreciated and bring the troops home much sooner.

Gail Dreher, wife of a Captain of the Army Reserves serving in Saudi Arabia, urges you to support this resolution.

Opponents Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

Senator Brown closed the hearing on SJR 5.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

Motion:

Senator Blaylock made a motion to accept the amendments suggested by Senator Brown in exhibit 1. They are: 1. On page 1, line 13 strike the word "and" and following the word "Corps" insert ", and reserve and national guard components". 2. On page 2, line 9 following the word "That" insert "the Secretary of State send" then following "resolution" strike "be sent".

Discussion:

None

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes:

The vote was UNANIMOUS in favor of the amendments to SJR 5. Motion carried.

Recommendation and Vote:

Senator Blaylock moved that Senate Joint Resolution 5 DO PASS AS AMENDED. The vote was UNANIMOUS in favor of his motion. Motion carried.

HEARING ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Mark O'Keefe, Representative, H. D. 45, Helena, presented House Joint Resolution 4 with several famous quotations. Even with our modern day communications, the U. S. president is probably the only person that knows exactly what's happening in the Middle East. It is up to us to support the policies of the country. This resolution expresses our heartfelt support and gratitude to all the men and women serving in Operation Desert Shield. As well as recognizing the sacrifices the family members have made with their family overseas. This calls for the Congress and the President to continue to work together and

pursue alternatives to war, thus resolving the conflict peacefully. He believes the people of Montana choose peace. This resolution is not an attempt to set foreign policy, it's not about oil, it's not about tying the President's hands, it's not about questioning our leaders' judgement. It is about our hopes and wishes that peace will prevail in the Middle East.

Proponents' Testimony:

Father Jerry Lowney, pastor of St. Helena's Cathedral and chairman of the Social Justice Committee, Priests Council, Roman Catholic Diocese of Helena, supports the troops in the Middle East and endorse HJR 4 and SJR 5 and we want them to return home safely. The Social Justice Committee circulated a petition to avoid war and pursue peace in the Persian Gulf. (Exhibit # 6) The petitions were addressed to both President Bush and President Hussein. It condemned the acts of violence of Iraq and Kuwait. The Governor of the State of Montana signed, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, many members of this legislature, Congressman Pat Williams, and Archbishop Desmond TuTu on his visits to Helena. The National Council of Churches asked us to examine this with regards to a just war. Is this a just cause? We cannot take human lives to save oil, or to save face. Why are we there? We must examine the political, economic and the human factors that may be a consequence of that war. Should we follow the January 15 deadline and attack? We must exhaust every economic, political and diplomatic sanction available to prevent the taking of lives. Please support HJR 4.

Eric Feaver, representing the Montana Education, said if we must go to war, so be it but our prayers for peace must never cease. HJR 4 is a prayer for peace and is encouragement to find alternatives to war. In no way does HJR 4 diminish the credibility of the president or this nation.

Vicki Cocchiarella, Representative of H. D. 59, Missoula, brought a letter written by Gregory R. Burham, a veteran who works for peaceful solutions, to a person serving in the Persian Gulf. (See exhibit # 3)

John DenHerter, Legislative Director of the Montana Department of Disabled American Veterans, veteran of 3 wars said he knows what combat will do. Our country has a southeast Asia treaty organization, which is our contract with third world countries. I support unity and our commander-in-chief.

Dawn Kangas, spoke for high school students organized for peace in the Middle East. (See Exhibit # 7)

John Ortwein, Montana Catholic Conference, entered a letter from the President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the U. S. Catholic Conference supporting peace in the Middle East. (See Exhibit # 4)

Ray Gulich of Joplin, Montana, prepared a statement of warning to turn from war and pursue peaceful solutions to the Middle East crisis. (See Exhibit # 5)

George Posten, United Veterans Com. of MT. and a retired military veteran of 3 wars, asks what is the cost for peace to be? Already Hussein has used gas on his own people. Will he hesitate to use that on others? He is developing nuclear capability and long range missiles. We must stop this madman.

Senator Bob Brown pointed out that page 3 of this resolution states that the people of Montana are in support of every option of a peaceful solution of the conflict in the Middle East and the Congress and the President continue to work together towards that end.

Opponents' Testimony:

Major Art Heffelfinger expressed feelings of intimidation to address some of the comments of the Archdiocese. In response to the issue of "just cause", his personal reason for serving in the gulf isn't for oil, it's for the safety of his family and country. He told of the Iraqis going into Kuwait City Hospital children's ward, taking the babies from the incubators and taking the incubators to Baghdad leaving the babies without life support. Hussein has used his treasury to build armor, artillery, and rockets, not purchase hospital equipment and health supplies. About 2 months ago a school in Kuwait City was closed because they thought it was a focus of a resistance group. The Iraqis shot two of the school children while making their parents watch. Is this a just cause to go to war?

The issue about more time to pursue peace gives the Iraqis time to develop more warheads. In 5 months the Iraq Army has developed a biological warhead. How long should we wait? Should we wait until they have nuclear weapons?

Questions From Committee Members:

Senator Pipinich asked Major Heffelfinger about some of the newscasts we are hearing. Namely, that our build-up isn't ready yet. Is that true? Do you think we are read to attack?

Major Heffelfinger answered that he isn't at liberty to answer that question. He said that if he felt we weren't ready, he'd say so. The extent of the readiness is not something he can discuss. Statements that are disseminated to the public sector are also given to the adversaries. He is returning to the Middle East. He urges trust in the leaders of our nation.

Senator Blaylock said that William Webster, head of our intelligence services gave testimony before the committee in Congress that our embargo, internationally applied to Iraq is

having a very detrimental effect on Iraq. The Gross National Product is dropping like a stone, that they are being very badly hurt. Wouldn't it be wise to continue the embargo?

Major Heffelfinger said he had not seen any effects of the embargo on the Iraq military in Kuwait. The embargo is probably hurting the Iraq people, but nothing in the military.

Senator Hockett asked Major Heffelfinger if he thought this resolution is giving mixed signals to the people in our services? Major Heffelfinger said he did.

Senator Blaylock said the worst mixed signal that has been given is the one by our Ambassador to Iraq, April Glasby, July 25, when she told Saddam Hussein we have no interest in conflict between Arab and Arab and that includes your movement of troops toward the Kuwait border. That gave him the yellow light. Since that was made by the representative of President Bush, this resolution certainly is not going to be a mixed signal like that was. We are asking through this resolution that you continue peaceful means.

Major Heffelfinger said he was familiar with the Ambassador's statement and subsequent statements released by the office of the U.S. Secretary of State. He agreed with Senator Blaylock, but felt the resolution wasn't the correct answer.

Closing by Sponsor:

Representative O'Keefe said thank you for a good hearing and especially thanked the Major for sharing his personal opinion with us. Mr. O'Keefe said he agreed that we need to have just cause. This resolution is about our hope and prayer that the Commander-In-Chief will never have to order the military to war. Thank you for a fine hearing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

Motion:

Senator Fritz made a motion to DO PASS House Joint Resolution 4.

Discussion:

Senator Burnett thinks this is a negative approach to this situation. He's served in combat and like the support of the people at home.

Senator Farrell agrees with the Major and wants to propose an amendment.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes:

Senator Farrell proposes that we remove lines 19 through 22 on page 1.

The committee discussed the explosiveness of the situation in the Middle East, the protection of Saudi Arabia with American troops, and the terrorization of Kuwait and the Iraq forces. Senator Fritz pointed out that the massive buildup is on the parts of both the U.S. and Iraq.

Recommendation and Vote:

Chairperson Vaughn called for a roll call vote on the amendment to delete lines 19 through 22 on page 1 on the second reading copy. Senators John Anderson, James Burnett, Bill Farrell, Bob Hockett, Jack Rea, and Bernie Swift voted yes; Senators Eleanor Vaughn, Bob Pipinich, Chet Blaylock, and Harry Fritz voted No. Motion carried to amend HJR 4. (See Exhibit # 8)

Senator Chet Blaylock moved that HJR 4 be CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. The VOTE was 9 IN FAVOR; and 1 OPPOSED. Senator Swift opposed the motion. Motion carried. Senator Blaylock will carry HJR 4 to the Senate floor.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 4

Chairman Vaughn stated this is SB 4, introduced by Senator Hager, to submit to the qualified electors of Montana an amendment to Article V, Section 9, of the constitution of the state of Montana to allow a member of the legislature to be appointed to a civil office under the state upon resignation from the legislature; and providing an immediate effective date.

Motion:

Senator Pipinich made a motion that SENATE BILL 4 be TABLED pending further action.

Chairperson Vaughn called for a ROLL CALL VOTE that SB 4 be TABLED. The VOTE was 9 NO and 1 YES. Senator Pipinich voted yes. Motion failed. (See Exhibit # 9)

Discussion:

Senator Blaylock explained that motions should be stated positively until they are voted down. In the Masons on page 129 it says "It is requisite that all proposals be in such form that they can be acted upon by approval or rejection." If the positive motion is voted down, then we can reverse the vote and the bill be reported out on an adverse committee report.

On this proposed constitutional amendment, we should vote and take it to the floor of the Senate, and even if the adverse committee report is accepted by a vote of the full Senate, the

bill should proceed to the House, since the mathematical possibility exists that it could pass the House. The bill would go through the committee process, 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings no matter what the Senate vote is, and then to the House.

Senator Farrell explained that in the rules clarified in 1987, if it is constitutional amendment and it has the possibility of being passed by the House, it has to continue on to give the House opportunity to vote.

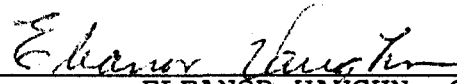
Recommendation and Vote:

Senator Farrell moved that Senate Bill 4 DO PASS. The VOTE was 4 IN FAVOR OF and 6 NO. Senators voting yes were John Anderson, James Burnett, Bill Farrell, and Bernie Swift. Senators voting no were Eleanor Vaughn, Bob Pipinich, Chet Blaylock, Harry Fritz, Bob Hockett, and Jack Rea. The motion to do pass dies. (See Exhibit 10)

Chairman Vaughn said that without objection we'll reverse the vote to a DO NOT PASS. (See Exhibit 10) We'll report SB 4 out with an adverse committee report, which Senator Vaughn will present.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 11:30 A.M.



ELEANOR VAUGHN, Chairman



DOLORES HARRIS, Secretary

EV/dh

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

INTRODUCED BY Bob BrownWalter H. Brown

1 all Montanans in this affirmation of support and gratitude
 2 to the courageous men and women from our state now assigned
 3 to Operation Desert Shield.
 4 (2) That it is the hope of the people of Montana that
 5 the mission of the multinational force in the Persian Gulf
 6 region be accomplished quickly and that Montanans and all
 7 other servicemen and servicewomen serving in Operation
 8 Desert Shield will soon arrive safely home.
 9 (3) That copies of this resolution be sent to Montana
 10 servicemen and servicewomen in the Persian Gulf region,
 11 informing them that:

12 The hearts of all Montanans are with you; we are proud
 13 of you; you have our prayers and deepest best wishes for
 14 a safe return.

-End-

11 region as part of Operation Desert Shield; and
 12 WHEREAS, Montanans in the Persian Gulf region are
 13 represented in the Army, Navy, Air Force, ~~and~~ Marine Corps
 14 and are serving in a wide variety of duty assignments in
 15 each branch of the armed services; and
 16 WHEREAS, Montanans have a long and distinguished
 17 heritage of service to our nation in times of military
 18 conflict; and
 19 WHEREAS, the brave men and women from our state are
 20 continuing the Montana tradition of commitment and sacrifice
 21 at their duty stations in the Persian Gulf region.
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 23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
 24 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
 25 (1) That this Legislature express the deep feelings of

Montana Legislative Council

ROLL CALL

STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DATE 1-10-91

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SENATOR ELEANOR VAUGHN	X		
SENATOR BOB PIPINICH	X		
SENATOR JOHN ANDERSON	X		
SENATOR CHET BLAYLOCK	X		
SENATOR JAMES BURNETT	X		
SENATOR "BILL" FARRELL	X	X	
SENATOR HARRY FRITZ	X		
SENATOR BOB HOCKETT	X		
SENATOR JACK "DOC" REA	X		
SENATOR BERNIE SWIFT	arrived at 10:20		X

Each day attach to minutes.

DATE

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COMMITTEE ON

State Administration

VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
Cocke LePage	self			
Steve Dreher	Operation Desert Shield	SJR5	X	
Rich Brown	MT Bd Vet Affairs	"	X	
Fr. Jimmy Leary	Bishops Council of Helena	SJR5 HJR 4	X	
Patricia Leary	self	"	X	
John O'Hara	Montana Catholic Cong	HJR 4 SJR 5	X	
John Dee Hunter	Dept of MT Paralel American Vet	HJR 4 SJR 5	X	
Mac Kampen	American Legion	HJR 4 SJR 5	X	
Mark Kofe	H D 4/5	HJR 4 SJR 5	X	
Robert Kofe	H D 4/5	HJR 4 SJR 5	X	
Orin Law	ME 4	HJR 4 SJR 5	X	
I Ann Kangas	Students organized to Preserve the Mont. Forest	HJR 4	X	
Chad Haffelfinger (MAJOR, USA)	self	HJR 4, X		X
Ray E. Bulick	self	HJR 4	X	
John C. Haffelfinger	Rep ID 59	HJR 4 SJR 5	X	
George Poston	United Veterans Com. of MT.	R4 & R5	X	
Andrea Merdinger	self	HJR 4	X	
Kristin Page	Mont PIRG	SJR 5 HJR 4	X	

(Please leave prepared statement with Secretary)

Amendments to Senate Joint Resolution No. 5
White Reading Copy

Requested by Senator Brown
For the Committee on State Administration

Prepared by Valencia Lane
January 10, 1991

1. Page 1, line 13.

Strike: "and"

Following: "Corps"

Insert: ", and reserve and national guard components"

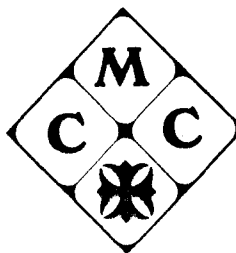
2. Page 2, line 9.

Following: "That"

Insert: "the Secretary of State send"

Following: "resolution"

Strike: "be sent"



Montana Catholic Conference

January 10, 1991

CHAIRPERSON VAUGHN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

I am John Ortwein, Director of the Montana Catholic Conference. I represent the two Roman Catholic Bishops of Montana in matters of public policy.

The Montana Catholic Conference strongly encourages your endorsement of Senate Joint Resolution 5.

We want the troops in the field to know of our concern for them in this very trying time. We have all heard and read of the difficult circumstances in which they are now placed. It is our troops who will bear the burden of the decisions now being made on how to best resolve the Persian Gulf crisis.

Let us also remember the families of those serving in Operation Desert Shield. Our support for them at this time is imperative.

Please let our troops and their families know of our concern for them. Vote "yes" on SJR 5.

December 29, 1990

Dear Michael,

I was deeply moved and saddened by your letter to The Missoulian. It brought back a flood of memories of my own time in the military (1968-1972). I recalled how proud I was to serve my country, the camaraderie I felt in my unit, and how hurt and angered I was, not only by the public's lack of support and understanding, but by their overt hostility.

I volunteered to go to Vietnam in 1970 and identified strongly with the commitment you expressed to your current task. For me, however, all the tough talk and flag waving disappeared once the dying started. War is not a geopolitical abstraction to me, Michael, it is intensely personal. There are still times when I wake up to the sound of twenty-year-old screams, the faces of those that I killed, or the friends that died.

When I returned from Vietnam all the sword-rattlers that thought the war was a great idea were conspicuously silent. I was left alone to figure out what happened and how to put my life back together. In 1982, I contemplated suicide as a confused response to my rage, shame, and the fear that I would begin to hurt people I loved the most -- my wife and children. In combat, turning my fear into aggression was a useful response, at home it was dangerous. It continues to be a difficult road at times, especially times like these. My way of giving that experience meaning has been to work for peace -- to do what little I can to insure that the nightmare of my generation isn't repeated.

I proudly participated in the peace demonstration you mentioned in your letter, as did a number of other combat veterans. You are correct, "War is not an easy thing." Our hope is that the current march toward war can be halted before you and your friends have to find out just how true that is, before the "sacrificing" begins. You might be interested to know that the rally in Missoula ended with a prayer for your safe return. A significant difference in the peace movement now, versus then, is the realization that the people in the military are not the problem.

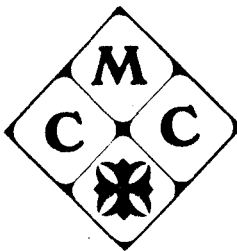
None of this is intended to convince you of anything, Michael. I understand that the focus reflected in your letter will serve you well should war break out. However, I would like you to know that I will continue to pray for your safety, that of your friends, and all those who may find themselves touched by war's madness. At this point, your lives are more important to me than your approval.

Keep your head down,


Gregory R. Burham

P.S. Please call when you get back to Montana, I would love to have a long talk with you about freedom, Montana toughness, and the spirit of the American people.

Greg Burham was a 1967 graduate of
Sentinel High School.



Montana Catholic Conference

SENATE STATE ADMIN.

EXHIBIT NO. 4

DATE 1-10-91

BILL NO. HJR 4

January 8, 1991

CHAIRMAN PINSONEAULT, CHAIRMAN STRIZICH AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

I am John Ortwein representing the Montana Catholic Conference. As Director of the Montana Catholic Conference I represent the two Roman Catholic Bishops of Montana in matters of public policy.

The Montana Catholic Conference strongly endorses House Joint Resolution 4.

On November 14, 1990, the United States Catholic Bishops met in closed door session in Washington, D.C. to discuss the Persian Gulf crisis. As my testimony today I would like to share with you the letter of Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk of Cincinnati, the president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, to President Bush concerning the crisis. The letter strongly urges the moral imperative of a persistent pursuit of non-violent international pressure to halt and reverse Iraq's aggression without resort to war.

I would ask you to turn to page two of the letter in which the United States Bishops outline their four key priorities concerning this issue.

Again, we urge this committee to support HJR 4. Let our nation pursue true justice through peaceful means.



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*Most Reverend Daniel E. Pilarczyk, S.T.D., Ph.D.
Archbishop of Cincinnati*

November 15, 1990

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I write as President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops to offer our prayers for you, our President, at this time of difficult choices on how best to confront aggression and preserve human life and human rights in the Middle East. I also write to share our Conference's deep concerns about the moral dangers and human costs which could be the result of war in the Persian Gulf.

The Catholic Bishops of the United States met in our nation's capital this week and voted to affirm and make their own the enclosed letter of Archbishop Roger Mahony sent to Secretary Baker on November 7. The letter's central point was the urgent need to assess carefully and thoroughly the ethical and human consequences of war in the Persian Gulf. The letter strongly urges the moral imperative of persistent pursuit of non-violent international pressure to halt and reverse Iraq's aggression without resort to war.

As pastors we are deeply concerned about the human consequences of the crisis -- the lives already lost or those that could be lost in war, the freedom denied to hostages, the suffering of victims of aggression and the many families separated by the demands of military service. As religious teachers, we are concerned about the moral dimensions of the crisis -- the need to resist aggression, to protect the innocent, to pursue both justice and peace in a way that conforms with ethical criteria for the use of force. As U.S. citizens, we are concerned how our nation can best protect human life and human rights and secure a peaceful and just resolution to the crisis.

These are not new concerns for Catholic bishops. We are heirs of a long tradition of thought and moral reflection on issues of war and peace, including The Challenge of Peace, our pastoral letter of 1983. Catholic teaching reflects a strong presumption against war while admitting the moral permissibility of the use of force under certain restrictive conditions. These

traditional "just war" criteria limit strictly the circumstances under which war may be morally justifiable and also govern the means by which war may be carried out. Now our Conference seeks to apply this tradition to the complex and changing situation in the Persian Gulf. While there may be diverse points of view on the specific application of these principles, our Conference finds significant consensus on four key priorities:

- 1) Strong condemnation of Iraq's aggression, hostage-taking and other violations of human rights and our strong support for world-wide peaceful pressure and action to deter Iraq's aggression and secure the peaceful liberation of Kuwait;
- 2) The urgent need for the careful consideration of the moral and human consequences of the use of force, as well as the military and political implications;
- 3) Clear moral criteria must be met to justify the use of military force. As outlined in Archbishop Mahony's letter, these include questions of a clear and just cause for war, proper authority, and sufficient probability of success to justify the human and other costs of military action. The criteria also ask whether war is genuinely a last resort; all reasonable peaceful alternatives must be fully pursued. Another criterion is proportionality: the human, economic and other costs of war must be proportionate to the objective to be achieved by the use of weapons of war. In this case, will war with Iraq leave the people of Kuwait, the Middle East and the world better or worse off? Our tradition also requires that the means and weapons used to pursue war must be proportionate as well and must discriminate between combatants and ordinary civilians. I fear that, in this situation, moving beyond the deployment of military forces in an effort to deter Iraqi aggression to the undertaking of offensive military action could well violate these criteria, especially the principles of proportionality and last resort.
- 4) Therefore, in our Conference's view, our nation should continue strong, persistent and determined international and peaceful pressure against Iraq. Our Conference understands that a strong military presence can give credibility to a vigorous pursuit of diplomatic and economic approaches to the crisis. Our concern is that the pressures to use military force could grow as the pursuit of non-violent options almost inevitably becomes difficult, complex and slow. We urge our government and our allies to continue to pursue the course of peaceful pressure and not resort to war. The use of weapons of war cannot be a substitute for the difficult, often time-consuming and frustrating work of searching for political solutions to the deep-seated problems in the Middle East which have contributed to this current crisis.

We are also concerned not only about the international consequences of possible war, but the domestic impact as well: the resources diverted, the human needs neglected, the potential political conflict and divisions within our society.

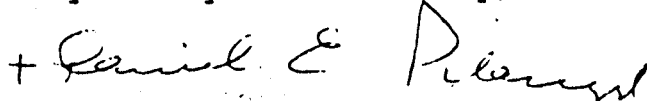
I believe, Mr. President these are your concerns, even as they are ours.

I offer these reflections not to diminish in any way the necessary condemnation of Iraq's brutal actions. Rather, I speak with the firm conviction that our nation needs to continue to assess and discuss the ethical dimensions of this difficult situation. These discussions and this assessment must take place before, not after, offensive action is undertaken.

We stand with our government and the United Nations in the effort to halt and reverse Iraqi aggression, to condemn the taking of hostages and to secure their release. We strongly support and commend your efforts to build global solidarity and world-wide pressure against Iraq. Because of the serious moral and human factors involved, we ask you and the leaders of other governments to continue and intensify the determined and creative pursuit of a peaceful solution that seeks to bring justice to the region without resort to war.

Our prayers are with you as you face these awesome challenges and as you undertake a journey at this Thanksgiving season so important for our country and the world. We also pray that other world leaders meet their responsibilities to pursue both justice and peace. Our prayers also go out to all those directly touched by this crisis: the victims of aggression, the hostages, troops in the field and their families. We especially remember the members of our military forces who face a difficult task in trying circumstances and who will bear the burden of the decisions made on how best to resolve this crisis. We hope and pray that these reflections from our Conference's perspective as pastors and teachers will strengthen our nation's determination to pursue true justice through peaceful means.

Prayerfully and Sincerely,

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Most Reverend Daniel E. Pilarczyk
Archbishop of Cincinnati
President, National Conference
of Catholic Bishops/United
States Catholic Conference

Dear President Hussein,

We join our voices with that of Pope John Paul II in declaring that Iraq's invasion of Kuwait was ethically wrong and that Iraq should join seriously in peace efforts to avoid a war on the Persian Gulf.

Therefore we appeal to you to:

1. Comply with U.N. Resolution 660 and withdraw from Kuwait immediately.
2. Comply with U.N. Resolution 664 which calls for the immediate release of non-Iraq and non-Kuwait citizens.

For the good of the whole human community we offer our prayers and sacrifices for a peaceful solution to the Middle East Crisis.

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3. <u>Andrew B. D</u>	<u>8059 York Road</u>	<u>59601</u>	<u>"</u>
4. <u>Pat Fitzgerald</u>	<u>1332 Lyndale</u>	<u>59601</u>	<u>"</u>
5. <u>Michael Santa</u>	<u>Carroll College</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>"</u>
6. <u>Eed Schurman</u>	<u>1335 Highland</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>"</u>
7. <u>Coracie M Hunter</u>	<u>2640 Kaiser</u>	<u>59601</u>	<u>"</u>
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3. <i>Jim White</i>	1105 N. PARK	59601	Helena, MT
4. <i>Deanna Demock</i>	422 Graham	59601	Helena, MT
5. <i>Kurt L. Feller</i>	Box 911 Carroll College	59625	Helena MT
6. <i>Valerie Robinson</i>	Box 365 Carroll College	59625	Helena, MT
7. <i>Bernard J. Dutton</i>	1042 1/2 Livingston	59601	Helena, MT
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Therefore we appeal to you to:

1. Comply with U.N. Resolution 660 and withdraw from Kuwait immediately.
2. Comply with U.N. Resolution 664 which calls for the immediate release of non-Iraq and non-Kuwait citizens.

For the good of the whole human community we offer our prayers and sacrifices for a peaceful solution to the Middle East Crisis.

NAME (Signature)	ADDRESS	ZIP	TOWN
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3. Andrew B. D	8059 York Road	59601	"
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2. <i>Mark O'Keefe</i>	531 Power Helena, Mt.	59601	Helena
3. <i>Lee B. [Signature]</i>	531 Power	59601	Helena
4. <i>[Signature]</i>	755 Silverado Estates	95926	Chico
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My name is Dawn Kangas and I am here to represent Students Organized for Peace in the Middle East. Not only do many High School students such as myself do not want a War in the Middle East. We also want our fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers and other family members to come home or to stay home and not be killed, wounded or hurt emotionally by this horrible thing called War. If there is a War my father could go and so I pray that after ~~the~~ January 15th I will still have a father and not lose him because of War. I would hope people would realize we are not against our soldiers we are against a War and we want to bring the soldiers home safely. Peace is possible. Thank you!

ROLL CALL VOTE

SENATE STATE ADMIN.

EXHIBIT NO. 2

DATE 1-10-91

BILL NO. HJR 4

SENATE COMMITTEE STATE ADMINISTRATION

52st LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Date 1-10-91 HJR 4 Bill No. _____ Time 11:07

NAME	YES	NO
Chairman Eleanor Vaughn		X
Vice Chairman Bob Pipinich		X
Senator John Anderson	X	
Senator Chet Blaylock		X
Senator James Burnett	X	
Senator "Bill" Farrell	X	
Senator Harry Fritz		X
Senator Bob Hockett	X	
Senator Jack "Doc" Rea	X	
Senator Bernie Swift	X	

Dolores Harris
Secretary Dolores Harris

Eleanor Vaughn
Chairman Eleanor Vaughn

Motion: Senator Farrell pro moved that
lines 19 through 22 be deleted. 6 yes
and 4 no Motion Carried to amend
line 4.

ROLL CALL VOTE

SENATE STATE ADMIN.

EXHIBIT NO. 9

DATE 1-10-91

BILL NO. SB 4

SENATE COMMITTEE STATE ADMINISTRATION

52st LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Date 1-10-91 Bill No. SB 4 Time _____

NAME	YES	NO
Chairman Eleanor Vaughn		X
Vice Chairman Bob Pipinich	X	
Senator John Anderson		X
Senator Chet Blaylock		X
Senator James Burnett		X
Senator "Bill" Farrell		X
Senator Harry Fritz		X
Senator Bob Hockett		X
Senator Jack "Doc" Rea		X
Senator Bernie Swift		X

Dolores Harris
Secretary Dolores Harris

Eleanor Vaughn
Chairman Eleanor Vaughn

Motion: to table sb 4 pending further
action made by Senator Pipinich
Motion failed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

SENATE STATE ADMIN.

EXHIBIT NO. 10

DATE 1-10-91

BILL NO. SB 4

SENATE COMMITTEE STATE ADMINISTRATION

52st LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Date 1-10-91 Bill No. SB 4 Time

NAME	YES	NO
Chairman Eleanor Vaughn		X
Vice Chairman Bob Pipinich		X
Senator John Anderson	X	
Senator Chet Blaylock		X
Senator James Burnett	X	
Senator "Bill" Farrell	X	
Senator Harry Fritz		X
Senator Bob Hockett		X
Senator Jack "Doc" Rea		X
Senator Bernie Swift	X	

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Secretary Dolores Harris

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Chairman Eleanor Vaughn

Motion: Senator Farrell moved to do
pass SB 4. 4 yes votes and 6 no
votes. Motion died. The Committee
reversed the do pass vote to a do not pass.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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January 10, 1991

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on State Administration having had under consideration Senate Joint Resolution 5 (first reading copy -- white), respectfully report that Senate Joint Resolution 5 be amended and as so amended do pass:

1. Page 1, line 13.

Strike: "and"

Following: "Corps"

Insert: ", and reserve and national guard components"

2. Page 2, line 9.

Following: "That"

Insert: "the Secretary of State send"

Following: "resolution"

Strike: "be sent"

Signed: Eleanor Vaughn
Eleanor Vaughn, Chairman

SP 110 2:05

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Page 1 of 1
January 10, 1991

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on State Administration having had under consideration House Joint Resolution 4 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that House Joint Resolution 4 be amended and as so amended do pass:

1. Page 1, lines 20 through 23.
Strike: lines 20 through 23

Signed: _____

Eleanor Vaughn, Chairman

SP 1/10 2:05

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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January 10, 1991

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on State Administration having had under consideration Senate Bill 4 (first reading copy -- white), respectfully report that Senate Bill 4 do not pass.

Signed: Eleanor Vaughn
Eleanor Vaughn, Chairman