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Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I understand that there will be no more speakers, so when I get through I will put in a quorum call, to start voting at 6 p.m.

I want to emphasize that the one thing unilateral about this resolution is that the Senate of the United States, and hopefully the U.S. delegation to the Vienna conference, will be taking the initiative to propose a mutual freeze. Every action contemplated will be taken by both countries—no country will take a risk the other country refuses to take.

We are not advocating disarming unilaterally. Nobody in this body would stand for that. What we are trying to do is to break the deadlock which exists, to try to give encouragement to the President and his delegations at Vienna, and to try to do something constructive in helping to bring about an end to the mad momentum which seems to have gripped the two major powers in the world—the Soviet Union and ourselves—to the end that perhaps there will be salvation at the end of the road, rather than destruction.

We have now begun to walk the correct pathway to that end. The adoption of this resolution will represent a major step along that road.