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And, finally, even those of us who are Councilors-at-Large have constituents, and our constituents get very upset because we are devoting what is their time and their money to support this Council's activities to resolutions that have nothing to do with librarianship. And I think that we need to stand up and say ALA is going to tend to its knitting, which is libraries.

>> LESLIE BURGER: Microphone Number 4.

>> THERESA TOBIN: Councilor-At-Large and I stand in support of this resolution. And to underscore that support with your permission, I'd like to read a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that was used yesterday morning during the Sunrise Celebration.

"A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death. America, the richest and most powerful nation in the world, can well lead the way in this revolution of values. There is nothing except a tragic death wish to prevent us from reordering our priorities so that the pursuit of peace will take precedence over the pursuit of war. There is nothing to keep us from molding a recalcitrant status quo with bruised hands until we have fashioned it into a brotherhood."









is not doing what SRRT is supposed to do by bringing these things to our attention." But SRRT, the Social Responsibilities Round Table, is also doing the business of the association by bringing forth these issues that also are included in what we're supposed to be about as a profession.

You know, when Martin Luther King took a position against the war in Vietnam, which by the way the American Library Association did also, he was very -- he was also criticized for speaking outside of his box. Oh, what does this have to do with Civil Rights? But he saw the connection between the poverty of people and what was going on with the United States devoting all its resources to dropping bombs on defenseless people in other parts of the world.

So when we talk about leadership in this, we can give lip service to it, but here's our opportunity to bring ourselves to the front of this. We already are. This follows according to things we have already passed and said.

Lastly I just want to end with a quote from -- there was an article in the New York times a few days ago when we got here, a column about how the money would be spent if it weren't being spent on the war. I didn't really catch the column but I caught a letter that was sent in response to the column. And the











































