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I called our entire delagation and wrote letter to them and they assured me that anything that would be done in this area at this time, would be too late for the planting season, and realizing that the time necessary in Congress for the time elapsing to do certain things, this was the fact and this is why that committee did not make the trip to, back to Washington, but I would like to report to you on the other committee, which has been set up which Senator Carpenter made a motion about or to, that Senator Kremer's, Schmit, and Burbach, act as a committee with other members going if they so desire about the fuel crisis and a possibility of a gasahol plant in Nebraska. We have been on the telephone and visiting with our delagation more especially Senator Curtis and Don Chastain and Congressman Thone, so on June the 4th, at 9:15 a meeting will be held with Senator Talmage and Curtis. Talmage is the chairman of the agricultural committee. At 10:30, Senator Baker ranking republican public works committee. At 1:15, Senator Stevens, ranking republican department of interior, at 2:00 Senator Randal. This is a tenative meeting with Senator Randal, and also with Senator Bital. On the following day, at 9:30 a meeting has been set up through Clayton Yeutter and with Clayton Yeutter and other members of the department of agriculture, will be at this meeting. At 11:00, Senator William Simons, deputy secretary treasurer, administration oil association progra, at the present time. At 2:00, with Steven Wakefield, assistant secretary of interior in charge of oil in the gas program. Now we have another meeting for later in that day, which is at the moment must be on a tenative plan. So this is a report that I wanted to make to this body, before we adjourn, that on June 4, we will be in Washington, at 9:15, and hopeful that we'll be able to accomplish something.

CLERK: A motion on the desk, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: I move to unbracket LB 235 and LB 235A and read them on final reading, signed Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I was going to attempt to do this yesterday, but there were two votes that I knew that were for the bill, were not here. By waiting it shows that my judgement was not correct, because there are more people absent today who would have been for the bill, than were absent yesterday. But this is the last possible opportunity to pass the bill. I feel that is very worthwhile and meaningful legislation. For those whom it would assist, it is extremely essential and necessary. I'm not asking for unanimous consent, I'm making it in a form of a motion so that I will have a chance to test the support of the bill without necessarily losing the bill itself. I'm going to level with you on the next to the last day of the legislature. I have blood in this bill and if you want a chance to take a good shot at me, this is the chance that you will have, better than any other one that would have existed during the session. It does involve the welfare of children and they are not in a position to help themselves. There have been softenings by the legislature, as far as spending is concerned, there were amendments to the capitol construction bill. There were deficiency appropriations. There was an increased homestead exemption and the possibility of an income tax cut. There is \$15,600,000 surplus existing now. If all of the A bills were passed. Even if the income tax goes through, and every other A bill were passed, there would still remain \$3,600,000 to fund this bill, it would take \$3,300,000 and I think the amount of good that could be purchased for that small amount of money is immeasurable. There fore I'm