

social agencies, both private and government supported, and of course all of the education facilities that we have, the technical classes that are held all over for people if they want to learn something at night, or any other time of the day. I believe we have plenty of facilities that anyone that really is interested in training themselves can get training to do a job. I certainly don't think that we need another agency, even if it is only a little less than \$100,000 to start with. It starts up something that we're going to have to support for the next years to come. I don't believe that it is necessary. I certainly urge you not to vote to override and to sustain the Governor in this issue. I think this is one more bureau that we don't need.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee. At first blush this bill looks just like one more government program, one more government expenditure, one more government set up. That would be your initial reaction just like Senator Sam over there, unless you'd look a little bit back, the last three years, and understood that this really, honestly, truly is a very unique and very unusual problem that we created. We created it a couple of years ago. Senator Jim Waldron, you remember a couple of years ago, and a group of us in here sponsored a bill called the "no fault divorce law". The no fault divorce law kind of turned the world around in Nebraska in terms of what was happening in the area of older couples and their divorces. Now let's take a woman, an older gal, 45 or 50, she's been married 25 or 30 years. When she got married there were certain understandings. Throughout all her life they lived under certain understandings. Among these was "I keep the house, and you make the living. I raise the kids and you make sure there is adequate funds to get the raising done". Maybe she worked for a little while, when they first got married, to get the guy through college, or get him his education, his doctors degree, or his teachers degree, or whatever, and then she went into the homemaking business. Her protection for the future was quite simple. It was that as long as she was what we used to consider a fair, decent and proper wife and did her wifely duties, they couldn't throw her out in the cold. She wouldn't end up divorced and without anything as long as she did what was right. With no fault divorce the whole world changed. A lot of these older gals found themselves literally out in the cold without enough to live on, and with no experience in the real world as to how to make a living. Admittedly, it's a limited number, but unless something is done they are going to be a burden. They're going to be a burden tax wise so it's better to resolve it in some reasonable systematic manner. I think this legislation goes in that direction. I urge you to recognize that this is a unique problem, as unique as anything we've dealt with and created by this Legislature when we developed the no fault divorce laws. You can talk about CETA and a dozen other federal programs, but they aren't addressing themselves properly to this, they aren't solving it. This probably is the only solution, at least a partial solution. I would have to say in conscience you're going to have to vote for this or face up to the problem of what to do with all these older gals. That doesn't sound right.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.