

nickel to make three cents. That indicates that people have not been well educated and the first principle of economics is being violated which is that you don't send good money after bad. I'm trying to be brief, Senator Lamb. Reagan is an honorable man. I'm talking about Ronald Reagan. I don't agree with most of what he says. I think he is out of touch, out of tune, outmoded, outdated and all of that, but he is an honorable man and once he takes a position he is going to stick by it no matter what facts or changes in circumstances indicate. He said he is going to do it and he'll do it. Last term that he had, he used David Stockman, his stalking horse, to tell agriculture that he thinks nothing of agriculture and the people in it. He told how they were going to set the commodity groups against each other and they did it by giving subsidies to the dairy farmers, none to the cattle growers and when the dairy farmers dumped their cows on the market, it depressed the prices of beef and the two groups started arguing. Now legislators from farm states go to Washington to try to get Mr. Reagan to back away from what they knew he was doing. What Mr. Reagan should have said, but they don't let him talk directly to people, they insulate him too much, is that Nebraska landslid Reagan back into office. That's a mandate for him to continue doing what he started doing. So by him gutting agriculture he is doing what he promised and knowing that he intended to do that, Nebraskans and farmers, and I've been telling them this, landslid him into office. So, they should leave Reagan alone and what he ought to have told all those legislators is that you are out of touch with your constituents as you are. You need to go back to the hustings and ask those people who landslid me into office, why they landslid me into office, if not to give me a mandate to continue what I am doing. These people out here love Ronald Reagan in Nebraska, in South Dakota, North Dakota, Kansas, Iowa, Oklahoma, they love him. They would give their lives for him. They would give their farms for him, their children for him, and in fact, that's what he is doing. He is taking what they promised to give him. So I think it is facetious for this Legislature to tell a man of honor to sully his honor, to back off of the promises that he made especially when on the basis of those promises, Nebraskans landslid this man into office. I have to acknowledge that I envy Mr. Reagan for being able to slap people down and take from them and, nevertheless, they support him so strongly. All I have ever tried to do is help people and look what happens to me. I'm not going to