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SENATOR KAHLE: Senator, that is not the way the Legislature works though.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, wait a minute, you asked me the question so may I have the chance to answer it and if it is unsatisfactory I will answer another question. The money being improperly taken in the first place, there is no basis for seeking replacement money as a prelude to giving back this money or ceasing to take this money which is improperly taken in the first place.

SENATOR KAHLE: Why is it improperly taken?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because food ought not to be taxed.

SENATOR KAHLE: That is in your opinion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Certainly, you are asking for my opinion.

SENATOR KAHLE: That may not necessarily be the opinion of the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It obviously is not the opinion of some people in this body.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, then why do we get castigated by you when we disagree with you to the point that it is ridiculous?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kahle, if I throw a rock among jackasses, the only one that brays is the one that gets hit. Now if I whistled and shouted and called you by name, I could see where you might be upset and you'd take issue with the specific thing that I said about you, but when I talked about the large agribusiness and farmers who are wealthy getting that welfare program, I didn't take that to be a personal attack on you. Had your name been in the list and I had seen it, I'd have called you as one of those.

SENATOR KAHLE: That is a good enough answer. I think you know who the jackasses are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I think it takes one to know one sometimes.

SENATOR KAHLE: Thank you. Maybe we understand each other.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman, you are next and then Senator Simon.