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SENATOR KELLY: ...do not qualify for the tax exempt refund. Those who have been residents of Nebraska less than six months do not qualify, and people who do not apply for the tax refund cannot receive it." Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Cope.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers. We have about eleven to twelve minutes...about twelve minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I will attempt to be brief and to the point. I have done some serious reevaluating of my position on this issue and of my position on a lot of issues related to poor people, the disadvantaged and those who don't have a voice. I think I am going to try for a while to see how it feels to be on the side of those who would crush the poor. I listened very carefully to what Senator Venditte said yesterday and, you know, it makes a lot of sense. We do, members of the Legislature, ladies and gentlemen, have a lot of these welfare people who are getting more money than they ought to have, and like Senator Venditte asked, what are they doing with this money? What are they doing with this money? The nerve of them thinking that they have the right to see that their children have enough to eat. Where do you see the word "eat" in the U.S. or the State Constitution? Where do you see the word "food" mentioned in the Constitution, or medicine? Well, I think Senator Venditte has hit on a crucial issue here. Perhaps we should turn this whole thing around and not allow any refunds to anybody, Senator Cope and Senator Kelly. I used to offer statistics year after year thinking that people were listening to the merits of the question, but they were not. Statistics on this matter mean nothing. It matters not how much people have to pay for the food or the taxes that they have to pay when they get that food. I think that maybe if we put some of these poor people in a position to put family members on the state payroll as some senators can put family members on the state payroll, perhaps they wouldn't be around here seeking a handout to get some money to pay for food for their children. Now that, if you want to talk about sponging off of the state, is something which requires looking into. Not for a moment should any senator or public official in this state have a family member on the payroll sponging off the government. Do you realize that that job deprives an entire family perhaps of a source of income, and by depriving that family of the possibility of an income we have got more of these poor people running around here trying to get their children some handouts from the state? I think we have a chance to show that Jesus was a phony and a fraud. He said, the poor you have with you always, let's starve them and freeze them out, then we don't have to worry

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