

sources, the impact of it, and I think once again here is a typical example of where we find ourselves trying to do something on our own that we may not have the expertise that we need. I think Nebraska does need a thorough study again with the determination of this body to use those findings for their legislative process. I agree that this area does need examination and I wholeheartedly support it but it is only one of many. I hope that we may use this vehicle as a body to further our intent to find out the true picture so that we can act accordingly and do so and if we follow that I would suggest to you that we unitedly accept the recommendations that these studies do make and not put them on the shelf to gather dust. The McClellan report that we had several years ago was followed and I think here again, we are at a time when we need to repeat that process and quit working in the dark. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I have mixed emotions about this bill and I would like to ask my friend and neighbor here several questions.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson, will you respond to your neighbor?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Sure.

SENATOR HEFNER: Are we on the white copy now or the green copy?

SENATOR JOHNSON: We are on the white copy and the white copy would be the copy that is in your LB 35 handbook. I mean that is the one that is really...that shows how this bill will look when it comes up for Final Reading.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay then, the other day we discussed something about 125%. You have struck...?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Right, that is struck. That is gone, that is correct.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, and then in this other handout towards the end of the book I believe, you have percentage of low income persons and I don't know who did this research but what do you consider low income?

SENATOR JOHNSON: This research was done by the Community Action Programs in Nebraska and it was based on the 1970 poverty guidelines and the 1970 census so when you look at the percentage of low income persons you are actually seeing