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PRESIDENT: You had a question of Senator Schmit. I have interrupted you so go ahead and repeat it.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think I have forgotten the question, Mr. Speaker, but I will try to answer it. That won't stop me from speaking.

PRESIDENT: You will answer it anyway, huh?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Why sure. It makes as much sense as the question does.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: You see, I think first of all, Senator Keyes is trying to paint a picture here of a drastic situation of unemployment which does not exist in Nebraska. He is trying to make it appear as though we have slave labor, or that we will have slave labor if we allow these ex-con...these persons...well, the persons who are incarcerated to perform some useful employment. He acts as though we are coercing someone into work when we say that we are going to provide meaningful employment at legitimate wages. The thing that I want to point out to the Senator from Springfield is this, that the Director of Institutions is going to have at his fingertips one additional facility for rehabilitation, one additional tool that he can use to encourage those individuals who have had the unfortunate experience of being incarcerated to go back and become useful citizens. I ask you, what is the better, Senator Keyes, to incarcerate an individual for years with no possible gainful employment, to take an individual who never learned to work in the first place and to allow him to lie around for one or five or ten years and then try to put him back on the road without any kind of training, or to give him the opportunity to learn how to work, to do productive employment, to become a useful individual, and then turn him loose on society. You talk about the welfare rolls, I don't know if you know how much it costs to keep an individual in the State Penitentiary...somewhere around \$7,000 per individual, not counting the cost of the facility. I think you better take a look at that cost also. I think it is high time that we thought a little bit about the individual who is a victim of the crime and their right to restitution. We have paid all kinds of attention to the individual who commits the crime. Those individuals are provided free legal service. They are guaranteed their rights. They are guaranteed every possible regress against infringement of those rights, but the victim of the crime over the past years