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at risk of emotional neglect, at risk of physical disease and infirmity, at risk of a hard upbringing and essentially at risk of all the social ailments that come to our families and our children. The least we can do, the least we can do is to pass this measure knowing now, and I kid you not, that when this measure is effective we still have fallen short of the mark in terms simply of bringing our children and families up to the cost of living increases since the last increase in 1977. Now I am going to...

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute left.

SENATOR JOHNSON: I am going to use my one minute, Mr. Speaker, to remind this body again of LB 35, the bill that stands out there as designed for the first time for this state to delineate what our children and families truly need for basic subsistence. To a certain extent even in approving this increase, we still shoot in the dark because we truly do not know what it does take in this state for our needy parents to raise our children so that they will become healthy, upright, good contributing citizens and that is what we do want. I wholeheartedly encourage the body to pass this bill today.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I would alert the Legislature that very shortly the Revenue Committee will go into an executive session. Underneath the North balcony from Senator Kennedy's District are four cheerleaders from Norfolk, Nebraska who are all nieces of Senator Kennedy. Will you rise so we can say hello? Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, as one of the members of the Appropriations Committee that Senator Nichol has such great faith in, I would rise to support this bill and explain, I think, how the fiscal impact here was considered in the appropriation's process but why there is not the money in the appropriations bill to fund this but rather a separate A bill. First of all let me say to the point that Senator Keyes is making that the homestead exemption amount is not decided, and that, in fact, we have established a procedure where on Final Reading anything with a general fund impact is being held until we can get all the bills, appropriations bills passed and then decide priorities. So I think that we will be able to match on Final Reading the priorities with the available funds. I would urge that that be considered for this bill as well, that you not discard it at General File now, but that, in fact, if your concern is not the policy but the available dollars that that decision can be made