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for President. In a few days he is going to announce. Who pardoned the biggest bandit in the country? Now why don't we take off after some of the big bandits if that is really what we are after. But that is not it. The idea is to label certain ones and deprive them of the benefits of the free enterprise system. Yes, fellow Senators, brothers and sisters, I speak today for the American way. I speak for democracy. I speak for free enterprise, and I say that if the education system has been so deficient that by the time a person is old enough to receive Medicare, he or she is not able to read English and understand it, he or she has not learned how to manage his or her pennies, then he or she deserves what these barracudas can present in the way of a lesson that the entire educational system could not present. I have been persuaded that we need to stop protecting, Senator Kelly, these groups, and stop insulting them by indicating by our actions on the floor of the Legislature that they are too dumb to look out for their own interests. It sounds like a good bill. I know what Senator DeCamp is trying to do, but he is doing exactly the opposite. He is making... he is creating a class of dependent individuals who will assume no responsibility for their personal affairs. Now I am going to listen to some of these humanists who run around here coddling criminals and trying to give money to people who won't work and maybe you can change my mind. But right now I am with the users, Senator Fowler.

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SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and fellow colleagues, along with Senator DeCamp and Senator Landis I sat on this committee and I was amazed at what these people were testifying that they were being sold policies that they said would protect them in nursing homes and it would not protect them in nursing homes. They were sold policies to cover policies. Now you say, why did these people, if they are adults, buy these? Because they are scared and they can be scared of the future if you approach them right, if you are a peddler of this kind of insurance. They worry about what is going to happen to me, or am I going to live, am I going to have enough to eat. Am I going to be warm. And these hotshots come around into their homes and they convince these people that they have to have this insurance. Medicare-Medicaid won't do this. Another policy won't do that. They get them to renew them before they need to be renewed. Not only was it personal testimony but

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