

important, that minor child who has no one to speak for themselves or the right of that 21 plus year old man who is an overgrown baby and has neglected his responsibility? I say defeat the Johnson amendment and give a clear signal to the courts that this Legislature meant business, or I will never again support an issue where we are going to increase the ADC payments, etcetera, etcetera, because of the inability of someone to pay. I say defeat the Johnson amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, all I can say about Senator Schmit's last statement, that is what we call on the street a cold shot. He says that if I don't vote the way he wants me to vote, after all of this pontificating about children, he won't support an increase in ADC. At least, I am not trading on the welfare of children. I think that is a reprehensible thing to have said. I hope he stated it in the heat of debate and was not totally aware of the significance of his words. But I am going to vote for this amendment. I am going to do what I think is right on every bill that comes before me, and if it means that the rest of you vote against everything that I bring on this floor, so be it. My job is not to bargain and sell. I am not one of the king makers. I am not one of the power brokers. I am not one of those who cuts deals. But even if I were, there would be a line that I would draw someplace and some things would be so significant that they would not be the subject matter of deals or bargaining and selling. I think what Senator Schmit said should be a great index into the attitude that sometimes prevails on the floor of this Legislature. I am going to support this amendment. It is not easy for me to do it. But whatever my support of this amendment makes me, that's what I have to be. We talk about law and order and justice. I have said before that the system that obtained in this state, in this country, was not put in place by me or even people like me because we were owned as property and not even recognized by the law except as property. To kill one of us was to be an act against another man's property. And now that I have come into this system and I have been convinced that there is certain aspects of it that have value because they protect people's rights who cannot protect themselves, I am told that those principles should go by the boards because it touches an issue that we are upset about. It is much like the lynching attitude where you say the accusation of the crime is so grave that we can dispense with a trial. The situation