March 6, 1981

And if I seem somewhat distressed this morning on this issue, I am, because I must see it in context with other things. The total work of the Legislature during the session is like a spiderweb. If you hit it one place, it shakes things other places. I tie this in, believe it or not, even with our discussion of abortion because while we discussed that there was a discussion accompanying it of the value of children. Then the Public Health Committee kills a bill that would give assistance to the family with dependent children. Then we turn right around and are going to raise the fees to use the parks where some people might be able to take their children and it might be the only place they can afford to go, but those who can't afford \$2 don't need to go to the park. Like Senator Hayakawa said raise the price of gasoline to \$3.50 a gallon because the poor have no business driving anyway. I have read statements like that when I was a child in school but they were made in other countries that purportedly had no concern for the well being of human beings and now I am hearing those statements made on the floor of this Legislature and on the floor of the U. S. Congress and I am wondering what this country is coming to. Unfortunately those people who are condemned most by its contemporary society are the ones on the cutting edge of trying to push for benefits....

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to the public, and after they are long gone and the society has been forced against its will to accept equitable standards in dealing with its citizens, the society then claims those victories as though they were voluntarily done after mature deliberation. Well I am going to do all I can to persuade the Legislature to do the things that are right and I may not succeed the first time I try but I am going to continue and I am going to continue, and at some point Senator Mahoney may not have the friends locked up in the Legislature that he has now, and the very 50¢ that was gained today may turn out to be very costly in the future because I have a long memory. And I may not be able to protect the public interest the first time around but maybe I can do some cutting in the future that will make it equal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I was not going to talk on this issue and I was going to...and I am going to go along with Senator Labedz for awhile but I think if you weren't listening you should have because what Senator Chambers said is doggone well the truth and we had better start realizing, every one of us, and we had better all make some internal