March 24, 1981

as you say, to some man in California. I think we are making every effort we can to keep an industry going in Omaha. Would to God we would have made more of an effort when we had the packing houses going full strength in Omaha. Senator Chambers, I think as a state senator it behooves me and as one who represents Omaha to do all in my power to try to help the economy of our city which also affects the rest of the state and to help keep 200 people off of welfare and off of unemployment compensation. And whether or not we are making an exception, I suppose we would do that seven days out of the week, if we met seven days out of the week. Is it a special interest group? Just about everybody we represent has a special interest. The retarded are a special interest group...PTAs, the elderly, the NAACP. So I am asking the senators to support this bill if for no other reason because Nebraska can't afford much more in the way of unemployment compensation benefits and welfare. Thank you, Senators.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as one who does not ordinarily support introduction of bills after the deadline, I find myself in the position of supporting the introduction of this bill in that it seems that legislation is needed to solve an inequitable situation. So I would support the bill. While I am here I might mention that on the other hand I do not think that....we have on our desks here a notice that there be a meeting this afternoon in the Governor's office of all the members of the Legislature invited, but I see no need for all the legislators to be at this meeting. I think the Legislature should continue in its labors and not be involved in this meeting as I am sure that these things can be worked out with a very few people involved and we can get some work done this afternoon. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Higgins a question. Senator Higgins, have you received a guarantee from the Falstaff people that if this bill is passed they will remain in Omaha?

SENATOR HIGGINS: No, but I will tell you I have been in the sales business long enough and I know Bernice Labedz well enough that I think that gal is going out there and probably sell them.