

to this body's attention. One is you know how difficult it is for us to exist on \$400 a month. In fact, it is so difficult that most of us, virtually all of us, are compelled to have some sort of outside income to conform to that amount or to be able to support ourselves and our family. We might want to take into consideration, however, what the present ADC allowance is. At this time \$400 a month would be slightly more, slightly more than the amounts of money that a woman with three children receives in the State of Nebraska as an ADC allowance. Now it is virtually an impossible task to ask somebody to support three children on that kind of money. We argue that a poor person does receive other kinds of benefits and when you add to the basic ADC allowance the other kinds of benefits, then that individual is not nearly as bad off as the initial figure might suggest. Well, one of the other benefits is the food stamp allowance, but as we well know what is happening in Congress right now is that the food stamp program is undergoing a serious, a serious revision and curtailment of spending. In fact, the Reagan administration, in my opinion, is attempting to eliminate double dipping and the way it is eliminating double dipping is it is preventing...it is saying simply that, one, if a child receives a free school lunch or school breakfast, the amount of the school lunch or the school breakfast shall be deducted against the food stamp allowance. I guess that is the new administration's fight on double dipping. There are a number of other changes that are being made at the federal level to providing benefits to the neediest in our society and it seems to me that the least that you and I can do is to bring our expenditures up to the line that this body literally approved last year. I do ask you to support the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, a question of Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, I don't think you are a very firm supporter of the food tax credit increase. Would you support it if I would amend that down to \$2 increase per person and use that one and a half million dollars to make up for your appropriation?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Maresh, would you say that again. (Interruption.)

SENATOR MARESH: My bill calls for a \$3 increase. If I were to amend it to a \$2 increase, you would have a million and a half for this purpose. Would you support the increase to \$2. I think you have a kill motion on that bill, don't you?