

going to be meaningless if we can't guarantee for our citizens now the basics of life. It seems to me no reason to spend 4 million dollars to ensure a rosy future for people that we can't take care of in the present and that is why I moved to reconsider that amendment. It is not because I don't think that we need to spend that money. It is not because Maurice Kremer did not make a good case, he did, but it seems to me that if we are going to spend dollars in the most sensible way, those 4 million dollars make sense only when we are prepared to guarantee to the needy children of this state a reasonable level of support, a level of support that this body agreed to last year in principle and which this body now I think is morally compelled to follow through with. Because of that, I move to reconsider the Schmit-Kremer amendment. It is not because I want to take back my vote for that 4 million dollars. I want to keep it up there but I can't keep it up there in good faith if we can't continue to support along the lines that we had promised to, the needy children of this state now in the present tense and absent the conscience of this body changing, I have to reverse my position and request that we reconsider the vote on that 4 million dollars.

SENATOR CLARK: Before I call on the next speaker I would like to introduce Robert Schemmel of Nebraska City, a guest of Senator Remmers under the South balcony. Would you stand and be recognized, please? Welcome to the Nebraska Unicameral. The next speaker is Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I did change my vote on the ADC proposition from no to not voting. I also voted for this proposition, Senator Lamb, and I know it is something that the rural senators are very interested in and some urban senators. I am interested in children and a lot of times people stereotype me as being one interested only in the welfare of people of my own complexion but it might mean something to the body if they were to realize that 65% of the families on ADC are white and some other factors that might be of interest to you is that the average ADC family has fewer than three children, that the period of time on the average that a person or a family stays on ADC is 1.8 years, not even two years, not even three children and mostly white. So why should a black man be standing up speaking for children who might grow up to be adults who will mess over him and his children? Because the children, while they are children, have not done anything to harm anybody and they are entitled to a chance. It should not be necessary for us to go through these kind of maneuvers to persuade the Legislature to do something which is right when the members will leave here and talk to their constituents and pretend to be doing so many noble worthwhile things. I hear Senator Pirsch often talk about