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wrong on so many other things. But I am taught many bitter lessons down here in this Legislature and I don't forget them. Maybe today the Lesislature sows the wind and tomorrow it will reap the whirlwind and we will see if those who fare sumptuously today would wind up being deprived tomorrow. say by a hurricane which we don't have in Nebraska so I could be talking about some place else but let me bring it home like a tornado. When a tornado hits you would tell the people out in Grand Island or anyplace else that it hits, build houses that will not be blown away by tornadoes or if there is a drought, tell people they should have prepared better by growing those types of crops that don't need as much water. But we know that that is not the approach that will be adopted. I am not hopeful relative to the outcome of the vote on this amendment but I am asking that you do something for the children. Don't send money even down to Atlanta to find the vicious person who is killing all of those children. Let's do something about the ones right here that we might be killing in a much slower, more devastating fashion by our unwillin -ness to grant to them the help that they need and that they are entitled to. Do it because of what you are if you have contempt for the children. If you think they are unworthy, do it because of what you think about your own self.

SENATOR CLARK: The Chair has the privilege of introducing relatives of former Senator Arnold Ruhnke under the South balcony. There is eight of them from Ontario, Canada, two of them from Lincoln. Would you stand and be recognized, please? Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Fowler is next.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the motion for reconsideration. The full funding of ADC was at one time in one of the preliminary budgets that the Appropriations Committee had but we cut it out because we were trying to build a budget based on existing revenues. Well this afternoon the addition of 20 million dollars in state aid, the addition of a million seven in water projects, the previous addition of two hundred thousand last week puts us at 22 million dollars additions and there was only 8 million dollars allowed within existing revenues so I think that concept has been pretty well discarded. Now we are building a budget, based not on existing revenues but on what we think are appropriate needs and I think the Legislature now should start weighing those needs. Having disregarded the current tax rates I think we have set ourselves up to raising income taxes with Senator Koch's amendment so that no longer is a consideration. Now I think this is a legitimate need. It was recognized as a legitimate need last year when we passed an ADC bill to establish these dollars as the maximums and the payments didn't quite match the maximums we established. What Senator Chambers is simply doing is bringing what we pay up to what