

we have already required in law and I think that is something. As we have increased aid for water projects, as we have increased aid for schools, so I think we ought to increase aid to dependent children up to the maximum. Now what I find interesting about some of the rural senators concerns in this area goes back to the speech with regards to the grain embargo, several speeches in fact, when we were considering whether or not we should sell grain to the Communists and I don't know how many rural conservative senators stand up and said, food should never be used as a weapon. I heard that several times, almost to the point of a cliché. Food should never be used as a weapon and I was waiting really at that time for days that we would consider support for people in the United States, those dependent children, those unemployed, those less fortunate to find out whether or not at that point people felt food should be used as a weapon. I would hope that those who do not feel that food should be used as a weapon in foreign policy, that food should not be used as a weapon with regards to a Communist power such as the Soviet Union, would not suddenly turn around and say we should use food as a weapon in the United States. We should use food as a weapon of social policy within our own country, that we should deny food to children in our country, some sort of weapon to force them out into gardens or out into jobs or whatever. If food cannot be used as a weapon in foreign policy I don't think that food should be used as a weapon for domestic policy. So, with the fact that this Legislature has discarded the Appropriations Committee philosophy of using existing tax rates, since this Legislature has now put itself in a position of asking for an income tax increase, I think that we ought to look at the priorities, support full funding for the bill that we passed last year and raise the ADC funding to the statutory level that was established. I support Senator Chambers' motion to reconsider. I do not think that food should be used as a weapon in this area.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I guess this motion more accurately allows the Legislature to respond to what just happened on the votes on LB 561 by giving itself a second chance to weigh the priorities that it is establishing with this budget. There used to be, up until and past the time of the Titanic, the old phrase, "Women and children first." Well, reasonably and rationally I think we have altered that now and we don't make special dispensations in that way for women any more. We perceive them as full-fledged human beings with their own rights and no need of special favoritism but because of their abilities can just be considered just generally part of the populous without some special kind of protective attitude, but not so children.