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will reconsider this action. I hope we will support...

SENATOR CLARK: Your time is up, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...the amendment offered by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise to tell you that I was astounded to find out 65% of the children on ADC are white. I always had been of the belief that anybody on ADC was black and lazy and they wouldn't work if you gave them a job. I am ashamed as a white woman to have a black man stand up here and beg us for money to feed children. I am ashamed to think that before I came to this Legislature they voted several hundred thousand dollars to feed cattle in the middle of a snowstorm. I don't want to be ashamed to be a part of this Legislature this year. I think we should reconsider Senator Chambers' motion. I think we should consider what this previous Legislature has done to feed cattle and what it is going to say about our character, about us each individually if we are going to deny children an extra ten or thirteen dollars a month to eat off of. I just got the figures from the Department of Revenue. I haven't figured this out. Maybe one of you like Steve Wiitala who is a teacher can figure this out for me. The last figures they had there were 774,630 income tax returns filed in the State of Nebraska. How much are we asking each individual and corporation to pay in order to give this additional aid to children? Would it amount to \$2 a person? \$3 a person? I don't know. I know this. When we vote on it I am going to be looking at that board and every senator that votes against this small increase in aid to children, who can't help themselves and who evidently their mothers, because of so many fathers that won't pay child support, are unable to leave the children to go to work. I am going to be watching very closely that board because I want to see what you men and women in this Legislature are made of, if cattle are more important than children and that is exactly as I see it and the next snowstorm when we have and they say, let's appropriate some emergency money to go out and feed those cattle so they don't die and the farmer doesn't lose his investment, I'm going to remember today's vote and I am going to remind you all about it. Thank you, Senators.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell. Is Senator Newell in the Chamber? The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, all those opposed vote nay.