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SENATOR HEFNER: I would let them decide who the truly needy are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you would take...whoever they are, you would take their word for it? More or less.

SENATOR HEFNER: Well, they would have to meet certain criteria, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you talk to them actually in Washington?

SENATOR HEFNER: Absolutely, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can I ask who paid for your trip to Washington? You did, didn't you?

SENATOR HEFNER: So far I have, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now, thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Hefner reminds me of a young guy who was fighting in the Civil War and he was captured and the side that he was fighting for and the side that captured him will make no difference and he was asked, "What are you in this war for? What is the purpose of this war? He said, "Well, by god, I don't know what the purpose of the war but there be those in power and they know." That is Senator Hefner. Those who are truly needy are in the cemetery. So naturally they will not be adversely affected by this budget. I don't think anything more needs to be said by me in opposition to this resolution but I hope that there are enough members here who will vote against this resolution so that it will not be passed for two reasons, the first being that it should be justifiably an embarrassment to the Legislature, and, secondly, although it has no legal effect whatsoever, it can convey a message to the public which is not warranted because they think that when the Legislature takes some kind of formal and official action it does have significance on them. So I think it might tend to raise the anxiety level of the public unjustifiably and I think there is no basis for passing such a resolution.

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

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Senator Chambers.