

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I didn't get a chance to follow your presentation, Senator Marsh. I am sorry about that. Do we really have a lot of abuse to adults and could you cite me some examples or cases?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, sir, and thank you for asking. I didn't know how much time people wanted to spend on this but this was documented in February of 1980 and for obvious reasons I will not use names but a boarder got a woman who was visually impaired, also with limited education, to sign a paper which the person who was signing thought was for the food stamp program. In fact the paper was a deed to her own property. The perpetrator then threw the woman with the impaired vision out of the house, threw all her belongings out and left the woman with nothing. It is very difficult to get attorneys to work in that particular case particularly if it is a family situation without having LB 335 on our books. If you are interested in hearing more, I have case histories I would be glad to share. A daughter who came to live in the home of her mother, the mother's home where the mother had lived all her life, and then the daughter put the mother in an upstairs bedroom because then she was out of sight and not such a bother. Even the other children in the home, and these are adult children I am talking about, were not allowed to go up and visit their mother. The daughter said, "She doesn't want to have company". Well, it wasn't the mother who didn't want to have company, it was the daughter who didn't want the others to see the condition that she had forced her mother to live in, not allowing her to have a change of linens on the bed, not allowing her to have her wastebasket emptied until it was overflowing, and these are the kinds of conditions that unfortunately are reported in the state.

SENATOR HEFNER: Thank you, Senator Marsh. One other question, now are these abuses coming from all over Nebraska, are they coming from the rural areas or from the urban areas? Now in my particular legislative district I just haven't heard of too many of these abuses or I haven't heard of any.

SENATOR MARSH: I cannot say because I do not have the records in front of me whether there are any specific ones which have come from your particular area but these reports are coming from both urban, small town and rural areas. They are not exclusive to any one economic category. Low income, middle income, and in one instance, high income still had cases of adult abuse. Perhaps you have seen some of the national television programs recently which have