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legislators made a mistake. She said the month of July after Iowa abolished paying to the unborn, 14 cases came across into Nebraska to take advantage of our easy ADC payments. She also said it wasn't fair because after those 14 are over there a year, they can then apply for medicals for themselves and their children. And she said beings they live just strictly across from a state that abolishes to the unborn, they get more mothers over there. I, too, said, we made a mistake, and I wonder what I could do about it. So I put into my news release in my news column back home, our local paper, that I thought perhaps I would draft a bill prohibiting payment to the unborn. I immediately got phone calls from my board members from the three counties I represent saying it was a very good idea. So coming down here in January my aide and I drafted a bill saying we will no longer pay the unborn. It went to the committee. The committee did not advance the bill. In fact, one of the members told me before we advance the bill that we will kill it. This is the only alternative I had to bring this bill out with a committee such as we have there. I then proceeded to find out what I could do about it. I sent a press release out to my five local papers stating just exactly what my LB 684 says, and if they would write back to me and tell me whether they were for the bill or against the bill. I right here have here in my right hand one hundred and five letters for my bill and two opposing my bill. Now these are not letters where five and six people write on them. These are individual letters from individual people. Also, I think...now of these one hundred and five letters I have, they come from fourteen different communities. They are not chain letters where everyone calls everyone else up and says, write your Senator we don't like such and such a bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have two minutes.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: So, and all you Senators know that this bill is much more important today than it was in November. It will be much more important a year from now. Last November no one thought that President Reagan would go through with his budget cuts and no one thought the unemployment would be as great as it is now. I say to you, President Reagan and Governor Thone both say we are not going to raise taxes, we are not going to take away the incentive for the people to work, we are not going to overtax them because pretty soon after a person is overtaxed he is going to say, well, heck, I might as well get on the Welfare rolls along with everybody else. I