

Southeast Nebraska Legal Services people are funded by federal funds so I would say it is easy for them to come up and say, boy, this is a good idea but I would like to have the people who are in favor of this bill come home with me and talk to the people out in western Nebraska. My son just received notice that it is going to cost him \$9 an acre more next year on his corn just for his electricity, that is not saying anything about the taxes, the increase in fertilizer, the increase in seed corn, increase in fuel for his tractor. We have businesses that are closing up out in these small towns and this state is in trouble and I can't see any rhyme nor reason for a bill like this unless the people who are supporting it don't understand what is going on. And how could we commit ourselves to something that we don't know what the future is going to bring. I talked a little bit to Vard, Senator Johnson about this. I said, you have a good idea. I think I will support it. I told him that this morning or yesterday afternoon, probably this morning, but after looking at it and thinking about it and chewing on it, it didn't have too many votes, it had three against it to get out of the committee, and I don't think this is the time for us to unload something like this when we don't know what is going to happen in the future. As I said the other day, my Dad taught me to back up and wait, if somebody pushes you, if you are unsure about something, and I think that is what we ought to do on this is back up and wait. This isn't the year for it. Let's wait and see what happens to the economy and then decide whether we want to do this. I, too, served on a county board. I know how to review it. I know the local touch, the local level. When you give something to the state, you are going to be lost in the bureaucracy of it. Senator Kahle brought up the travel. How are my people going to go to North Platte?

SENATOR CLARK: You have 52 seconds left.

SENATOR HABERMAN: You won't even give them studded snow tires so they can travel on the ice, the elderly. Now you want them to drive to North Platte on the ice and snow, a hundred miles, and you take it away for the welfare office. I just don't understand this so I guess I don't have to ask you to vote against it. You can tell that by my remarks. Thank you, Mr. President, for giving me my total time.

SENATOR CLARK: You are more than welcome. Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I do want to get this conversation back on course. We are talking about amendments to the bill. The amendments, effectively,