

strike and the effect it is going to have on a person, it should be the same and the same conditions should exist for everybody. So when it comes to unemployment you are saying that a person is not going to be penalized for something over which he or she has no control but if it comes to a person who is working hard to try and get off public aid, you are saying the mere fact that others will go on strike will disqualify this person. It does not compute and I think by, between now and Select File I will be able to talk to enough of you to change your mind.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit, on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, you know sometimes I believe we are like chickens in the barnyard. We take pride in picking on the weakest chicken in the barnyard until it bleeds itself to death and then it eventually dies and we pick on the next weakest one. I guess I would just like to tell the story that my dad used to tell about the farmer who was going to train his horse to...or his mule to get along without eating and he said he was almost successful and he had him down to one quart of oats a day and the stubborn mule died. And I think we are taking a look at something else that is kind of interesting here. We are willing to punish by word and deed the ADC mother. We are willing to punish the children of the divorced parents. We are willing to make them bear any kind of burden. We are willing to tell the ADC person who is on strike that they cannot participate in the strike unless they lose their benefits but it is all right for a district judge, it is all right for a clerk of the court or it is all right for a county attorney to ignore the law passed by this Legislature. It is kind of interesting you see that the higher up the totem pole you get, the more freedom you have to ignore the law and the more freedom you have for selective enforcement. It is a little bit like that truck driver friend of mine that got dragged out of his truck and taken down to the slammer for not paying a fine. Oh, yes, he paid up quickly but if you were to take every single instance of judicial impropriety because of failure to follow the laws passed by this Legislature, we would have to wipe most of the bench clean and start over. But in those instances where the judicial system has functioned they have worked with amazing efficiency. I am afraid, ladies and gentlemen, that if you advance the bill with the section that I oppose in it, you are again sending the wrong kind of a signal to the judiciary and you are not going to get better law enforcement but poorer law enforcement. The Department of Public Welfare was out to Butler County where we have fifteen child support cases, and they were telling the county board that they should participate in this program where federal