

good friends say this is the best we can do; that no bill is perfect. But if I were to ask my offer to my good friend, Senator Haberman, that I would personally administer the disposition of \$100 million back to the people of the State of Nebraska and that I would only take 20 or 30 percent as a commission or as an administrative fee, all of you know Senator Haberman, all of you know Senator Haberman and all of you know what his response would be, and my fee would be considered exorbitant. Now, Senator Spencer Morrissey suggested, a rather brilliant remark, and I don't think I've been accusing Senator Morrissey of making too many brilliant remarks this week, but he suggested that we appropriate \$20 million right back to the federal government from this Legislature and not go through the middleman of going back to the taxpayer, and then just give 78 million straight to the taxpayer. How many votes to do you think that would get, Spence? Two, yours and mine. I don't think...and probably not yours and mine. It would so...considered so ridiculous that no one, no one, no one, I didn't even try to get a vote on my amendment 'cause I don't like to suffer ignominious defeat. I've suffered defeat badly. But the point is that we are at a point where many people feel like some of the folks who have spoken here tonight, best we can do. It is the best we can do at 20 percent handling charge to the feds, when just this afternoon we tussled and hassled and discussed and cussed over 18 or 20 million for state aid. I don't think that it is that important. Maybe it is the best we can do. Maybe it is the best we can do. As bad as it is to collect from the middle income taxpayer and redistribute it under the guise of property tax relief, as unacceptable as that is, that is not the most odious part of the bill to me. The most odious part of the bill to me is the portion which goes back to the federal government, unsolicited, unexpected and, I might add, unappreciated and unnoticed, but it will be back there. And the sad part of it is that most of the taxpayers in Nebraska will probably not even realize that they made that contribution to the federal government because it will not be noticeable to them either. Senator Labeledz had reminded me that I promised her some of my time, and I will yield the rest of my time to Senator Labeledz. She has a confession to make.

SPEAKER BARRETT: About a minute and a half, Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I certainly don't want to leave here tonight and leave you with the impression, with Senator Chambers' remarks, that I made more money at