

this point is I have been informed by Social Services, they are concerned about windshield time. Do you know what windshield time is?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: And they have to take that into consideration when they respond. Well, from Imperial, Nebraska to North Platte, Nebraska, where the headquarters is and where it seems you have to go to get any kind of a decision, it is 100 miles and a time zone change. So if it is four-thirty in Imperial, it is five-thirty in North Platte and nobody is available because it is after five o'clock, the problem can keep until tomorrow, maybe. Is that what you mean by timely response? I guess I am a little confused here. You are asking for more money for more people, for more everything, but I don't see anything that says we are going to receive where we have a problem in western Nebraska, especially in the southwest district, where we have already had the office shut down, people transferred, the wheel has already been broken, where we are going to get any benefits out of this legislation.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Haberman, your problem is exactly what we are trying to address.

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: That the lack of staff have led to lack of response to people in your area, to people in my area, to people everywhere in the state. Once you get the caseworkers back up to a level where they can respond, then the idea is that you don't have to wait, that you don't have the problems that you have.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Senator Wesely, I am going to interrupt you because I don't have too much time. The same people who you are saying are going to maybe see we have more staff are the same people who cut the staff in the first place. Now if you bring the staff up to the level before they cut it, we are right back to square one. So I just...I think it is too loose. It is not pinpointed enough and I don't like the amendment at all. Thank you, Mr. President.