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Nebraska 68463. We feel we have a misrepresentation case against this company. I would appreciate any help on this matter. I will look forward to hearing from you. Then, this last paragraph, enclosed please find a copy of the letter I sent to Thousand Adventure, Post Office Box 301, Blair, Nebraska 68008, and a clipping from the Falls City Journal on this case. The Falls City Journal article talks about a consent decree entered into between the Attorney General of Kansas and this Blair, Nebraska company because of the misrepresentation, the promising of gifts that were never delivered, the false statement that these memberships could be resold. I've had other complaints of this kind brought to me by the elderly. And I sensed that the opposition to this bill is coming from senators who've talked to some of these operations and these outfits. They're outside the law. They trick the elderly. And I think it is a sad state of society when we can have so much evidence brought to us showing the corruptness, the dishonesty and the deliberate mistreatment of these older people. They are stressed out, anyway. The two that I received this letter from are on Social Security. I'm sure the representatives of this tricking scheme knew that they were on Social Security. And since their whole approach is that of hustlers, barracudas, sharks, piranhas, wolves, coyotes, vultures, thank you Senator Chizek, I don't think we, as a legislative body, have an obligation to protect or be sympathetic to that type of operation.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would like to see something in the nature, Senator Hefner, of a bill that people, from time to time, have opposed of mine. Now, my bill would abolish the death penalty, if there were a justifiable application of it. This might be one of those, but since I'm opposed to the death penalty under all circumstances, Senator Haberman, I see him smiling under the balcony over there, I would have to oppose it in that case, too. But to make a point, I'm saying that it's difficult for me to see why we will continue to sacrifice older people and those who may not be too sharp in reading contracts and recognizing these shams. We have an obligation to protect them as much as we possibly can. And, if Senator Nelson's bill is a step in that direction, I see no reason to oppose it, Senator Hannibal, how about you?

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, you are next. But may I