

most impoverished, the one where you will find a great number of problems. When you lack money, you lack the means to provide a lot of essential services. There is nothing which befalls an impoverished person more quickly or has more devastating effect than the loss of self-esteem, the loss of a feeling that you even count for anything or that you possess full humanity as every other person would possess. The schools that you attend virtually ignore you, your people and our culture. When you open the newspaper the positive and constructive things that our youngsters will do, and when I say our youngsters now, I'm not just talking about black youngsters, African-Americans, I'm talking about poor white youngsters also, who tend to be considered the throwaway people in the society. We have the opportunity to make a start towards showing that the Legislature has an iota of concern for these youngsters. People such as myself, I'm sure Senator Hefner, others who will support this program could utilize this move by the Legislature to point out to these young people that the government does care, that the government at least acknowledges their existence, the fact that there are problems which confront them that ought to be addressed through the expenditure of tax money, just as the problems of ConAgra, of Crawford, Nebraska and related areas, the banks, the realtors, truck drivers, the fleet owners, farmers in general, some who have more means to a greater extent than others, that we this session are trying to bring some people under the umbrella of protection of the state who traditionally are not given consideration. I hope you will adopt this amendment so that we will do more than make a token gesture toward doing something, we will provide enough money to make the program successful. So I hope you adopt this amendment. If you have any questions, I'll be glad to answer them.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Chambers. I have a number of lights on. I will check to see if you wish to speak to the Chambers amendment. Senator Nelson.

**SENATOR NELSON:** Mr. Speaker, I think most of us on the floor are quite familiar or can remember exactly what this program was intended to do and actually what the program did, maybe two different things. I feel the very, very...I think Senator Chambers and I agree on things about 90 percent of the time here and I feel very sympathetic to his idea that this particular program is going to turn the at risk or the low income or the problems that many many entail, particularly in his district. I