

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't know how many of you all know this, but some of you who have groups of young people come down here are aware of how much time I spend talking to children from other people's districts. I give up my noon hours, I give up any spare time that I have. Sometimes I take it from other things. I get a lot of requests, more than most senators, and this is not a boast but a statement of what the circumstances are, to address these children because they like to listen to me. They feel I have something to say. They come back year after year. The teachers come back year after year. I go to small towns and speak to children. I speak at their commencement exercises, small ones where nobody wants to go, and they are flattered and pleased that as busy as they perceive me to be that I'm willing to give that time to children who are not in my district, children whose parents may not think much of me. There was a group of youngsters who were about to be made Eagle Scouts and they wanted me to come and speak at their ceremony. It was several hundred miles from Omaha and I drove to give that time. I spoke at the gathering of this Youth Academy. Senator Smith, some of these other gatherings that they talk about, the Youth Leadership Conference or whatever it is, I've spoken there. Boys State, Girls State, all of them. I have done it year after year, so I have a lot of contact with these young people and I see them as children who are in need of help and concern. People stand on this floor and talk like we're discussing three or \$4 million and we're talking about \$30,000. How much boasting can be done about cutting the budget when the amount is \$30,000 and it's taken from a program to help children and on other occasions we're going to stand on this floor and talk very strongly for things that benefit our specific districts. The children who would be benefitted by this program are not all going to come from my district. Children belong to all of us. When we stand up here and discuss the issue of abortion, people can become very emotional when children are not even in existence. Then we have those programs that are addressing living children, children in being, then all of a sudden the budget is more important than anything else and it's a tiny amount from the budget. If those who oppose this program would not support any money for any program in their district, I'd say they are consistent and they are concerned about the taxpayers money, but I'm sure there are going to be provisions that Senator Nelson, Senator Smith, Senator Schrock, all of us are going to want to support that will benefit the people in our district. So this one which would go to those