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the facts are these, first of all, I always am intimidated by people who say, well, we have allowed the lottery issue to come to a vote. That is kind of interesting, because it always intimidates certain persons when someone says, the powerful chairman of a committee says, we have allowed this to happen in this form, and nothing else can happen. I had a little bill, LB 754, that probably had more potential benefit to the people of Nebraska than most bills that have moved across this floor, and almost everybody, after having had it offered to them as potential sponsors and declining, wanted a piece of the action, and the bill is now not going to have...to move this session, and right out in Senator Smith's territory, a Nebraska millionaire is going to be picking up \$3 million of taxpayers money for another year, courtesy of the taxpayers, for doing nothing, absolutely flat-out nothing. Now, Senator Chambers gets irate. We just advanced an approximately \$2.8 billion appropriation bill, and almost everyone has got their dipper in the bucket, almost everyone, except who? The people who were wronged by the State of Nebraska and some of our hired help. I understand the frustration of Senator Smith and Chambers and many others. I am frustrated also, but what about a...let us not ever try to place the depositors of those three institutions in the position of being the bad guys. They were the ones that were wronged. Even at this time, at this date, at this hour, when they have not been reimbursed, they are being called upon to reimburse the depositors of failed savings and loans above the \$100,000 guarantee, and they are paying a part of that. Now Senator Chambers mentioned one gentleman who was in his office who said he was thrown out, let me say this. You have not seen lobbyists in your office speaking on behalf of the depositors. You have only seen the depositors. They are ordinary men and women, most of them older than I am, I wasn't born yesterday, most of them people with limited resources, most of them people who are conservative in nature, who tried to save and provide for their old age. You don't find the Commonwealth depositors taking you to lunch or dinner, and Senator Chambers wouldn't go anyway because he doesn't do that. You don't find the Commonwealth depositors wining and dining you or taking you on a trip or bringing you a box of cigars, me a box of cigars, hasn't happened, won't happen. They only speak from their heart and their soul and their experience. The State of Nebraska, and, again, there are those in here, and Senator Chambers has called attention many times to the wrongs that have been vested upon the people of this state by the hired help, the official senators, legislators, what-have-you, Governors and Congressmen.