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SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Forty-two percent of the mothers on ADC, in Nebraska, are on one year or less. You see that speaks well of the program and how it works, and how hard they are working to get out of the system. If you compare yourself to any of them, you know you don't want to be on the dole, as the English refer to it. You don't want to have a handout, you want to be independent. And Americans in particular, and Nebraskans in particular want to be independent, they want to be able to take care of themselves and not be beholding to anyone for what they get. They want to be able to work and make it, just like each one of you does...

SENATOR CONWAY: Time.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...here in this Chamber today. I'll speak again. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I will advise those who are following the discussion to support the amendment to the committee amendment that's being offered, because that will include a larger number of women than the committee amendment as drafted now. And I'm going to tell you all something. Somebody on that side of the room said earlier that I'm always saying I don't believe in a supreme being, but they think that I might. And I really do. And now I see who that supreme being is. It's not God. God couldn't make you all do this. The supreme being is the federal government. All of the compassion you're supposed to have for people made no difference. But when the federal government said, treat all those poor women the same, then the legislatures bowed down and said, hosanna. And now they'll be treated the same, because the supreme being has spoken. Do you see why your religion causes me to feel such contempt? Because it means nothing, all that praying every morning before the Legislature starts. I'm the one who says that if that same Jesus came shuffling in here with his homeless self, being with the poor, he'd be hung up on that wall, if they had a tree to hang him on, or at the least they'd call the National Guard or the State Troopers to drag him out of here, and they might advise that they use their night sticks, if they're police officers. That's the reality. That's the supreme being, and that's who causes things to be done here. Makes me think of a little joke that this priest told, he was a