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it's a small amount taken from the overall Department of Social Services budget. But it's a significant impact on the women who are affected by it. Sometimes when people are in love with buildings, and images, and things of that sort, trying to cheese up to the elite in Omaha, they are blinded at the same time to human beings and the problems that they have. If buildings and other structures are to be erected, the purpose should be for the benefit of the living people, not as monuments, cold and staring to somebody who managed to get some money through the Legislature to turn that building over to some other entity. So if everything we do, and this is my opinion, should be for the benefits and uplift of people and the living people, buildings would have to come in second, if we had to make a choice between giving money directly to buildings or directly to people. I know that at some point a motion will be made for cloture. I knew that in the beginning and we all knew it in the beginning. But I'm going to carry through on this effort to try to stop LB 20. There are some senators who want to run in here and run right out because they have other things to do. But to me this is the most important thing that any of us has to do. When we ran for the Legislature and came here we knew there would be days like this. And these days are going to go on as long as I can possibly keep us here. LB 20 is not the only bill that can be discussed. Senator Moore knows that an appropriation bill must be given 12 hours of debate before cloture can be attempted. So if the issue which means a great deal to me is going to be given short shrift, then I don't care about these other things that mean something to you all. If you all vote to cut off the discussion of this bill, then there will be extended discussion on other bills. And I can assure you that I'm in shape to do it, and I assure you that I shall. That is a promise, it's not a promise to the members of the Legislature, it's a promise to the people who are being harmed by the work contemplated during this special session. If the members get upset, what is that to me? I'm upset, and what is that to them? They don't care. They're happy that I'm upset. They usually can't get to me, but they know on this, in attacking the defenseless, they know they're getting to me, and they are. But what I was thinking about as I came down here this morning were the number of bills dealing with the abortion question that we have. And ringing in my ears were all these comments about these poor little defenseless babies in the womb, that's what rings in my ears. And I heard these people say these things, people on the floor of this Legislature, some of them got angry enough to fight with me over those issues. And now they're