

testified and asked for it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: From what I have been told, since I was not at the committee hearing, this department claims to be in complete compliance. I am not opposed to a federal law against rape. I am not opposed to a state law against rape. People who rape ought to be charged, tried and, if convicted, sentenced. I am not opposed to the federal government protecting the rights of those who are dis...who suffer disabilities. I am not opposed to a state law or the creation of a state cause of action to vindicate the rights of those who suffer disabilities. This is one of those amendments which would have slid through because the implications of it are not clear...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...just by looking at the wording of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam Chairman, I would give my...yield my time to Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Madam President, members of the Legislature, as I indicated earlier, we're going to have a number of pieces of legislation this year which purportedly aim at inviting the federal government to butt out of state business. But you will find out that everyone of those types of pieces of legislation is designed to harm a group or a constituency unable to take care of and fend for themselves, the ones most need...most in need of governmental protection. We will talk about pregnant women who are impoverished. We will talk about the children of impoverished women. We will talk about those so poor that they cannot provide means to adequately feed themselves and their families. We will talk about those who, when I was going to a Jesuit university, were pointed out as the ones that government has an obligation to look out for, the right to shelter, clothing, food, medical attention, education, all of those basic