

disclosing of what would be involved. So if we have this high turnover, if we have these many people brought here, then when I turn to page 7 and Senator Chambers has already made mention of some of the social service agencies that are providing services to many of these people who are turning over, and I see that among that list the reporter and the article states the Nebraska Department of Social Services. If the Department of Social Services is having to pick up the additional expense for these recruited workers, then how much money is the State of Nebraska putting out to pay for the social services? And is that amount of money going to far exceed the amount of money that we're going to be spending for monitoring this program? I think that as Senator Beutler said, that perhaps we are in this case importing poverty. Perhaps we are going to be spending far less by implementing this legislation than we would if it were not implemented and if these recruitment practices continued and if these people weren't provided some transportation to allow them to return to where they were recruited. I guess I'm a little more familiar with some of this practice because it's beginning to take place in my district and many of these social service agencies that are listed are social service agencies in south Omaha. There is a new packing plant that is being opened there. The wages are not livable wages. Those folks are going to be recruited. There will be far more than the recruited at the west Omaha plant and those people will be increasing that kind of recruitment for an additional packing house and there's a second packing house that is going to be expanding in my district also. I question how many workers are going to be recruited and misrepresented and who will then be abandoned in any part of Omaha and particularly allowed to live in or brought to the kinds of living conditions that are also outlined in another one of these articles. The article talks about the bugs, the plumbing that is not in good repair, talks about the housing arrangements that these workers are brought to and then after two weeks told to find their own places to live and at this point I think I would like to compliment the World-Herald and Cindy Gonzalez for . . .

SENATOR PREISTER: . . . what I don't consider an article, but really an expose of what has been going on and that many of us right near some of these practices were not fully cognizant of. So I think the article and the reportage is certainly exemplary and I'm glad that it was reported. One of the recruits mentions in the photograph on page 6 of the information that was handed out, I opened the refrigerator and there were spoiled eggs, the