

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Day.

SENATOR DAY: Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I want to deal more with the concept of this bill for some of you who are still having trouble accepting that this is needed. After we discussed this I went back to the district and I said, give me some specific examples. I hear stories, but are they true? I want to know. And I got some specific examples that I'd like to share with you. These were by the people and in their own words and I do have names but I would prefer not to give them. This gentleman came from Brownsville on the first of February, 1995. He was taken to the motel but they didn't have any rooms available so he was taken directly to Beef America. We were told to sit and sign papers from the time of our trip, we did not get anything to eat nor a chance to rest or bathe. We were then given \$50 for food to eat at restaurants. The motel didn't have any kitchen facilities. On Monday, the sixth, I went to work but I was unable to do the job. I asked to be transferred but I was told I had no choice but to quit. When I arrived back to my motel room the door had been locked, there was no place to stay, no food and no money and no way to get back home. The other story comes from how they were recruited from Harlingen, Texas. The friends saw an ad in the paper, they went down to the employment office, they were sent to a local motel to see a recruiter who was from Iowa, hired by IBP to recruit and they were hired. One of the men that came up with him didn't pass the physical so he wasn't hired. He didn't have money to get home. So friends gathered money to get him back home. The last one was a 23-year-old girl who came from Mexico to work and send money to her family. She was recruited on the first of February. She was not able to do the job so they let her go. She returned to the motel, was not given notice and they locked her out. She says, I didn't have no money, no food, no family. I was forced to sell my body to get money to rent a room. I was so humiliated and ashamed but I did not have no choice. All I want to do is go home. Beef America brought me here, why can't they send me home? So these are some of the stories that I heard back in my district of why we need this legislation. I also checked with my local Social Service Department and they had had a contract with Madison County to help pay bus fare for the indigent people who wanted to go home. And as of August of 1994, that year they had spent \$8,000 to send people home and