

of some fat cat's pocket and he put it there through ill-considered means and feed some hungry child. And if it comes to making a fat cat fatter, or helping a hungry child, or a poor, pregnant woman, then naturally the option goes to the benefit of the fat cat. Micron can laugh this morning. All the other big companies can laugh this morning, but the poor remain poor. The destitute remain destitute. And while Senator Pirsch and others talk about Nebraskans being compassionate, generous people, we come up with something like this which, as old Jesus said, your child asks you for a piece of bread and you give the child a stone. Where is the compassion? I'm not ever here on the floor when chaplains waste their time praying over a body such as this, but chaplains come here every morning and the vast majority...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...pray Christian prayers and they end it with some kind of appeal to Jesus, and Jesus is the one who talked so much about the little children and how precious and important they are, and yet we come here to do what is envisioned in Senator Pirsch's bill. If the "Repelicans" were not doing the cruelty at the federal level, this bill, in my opinion, would not be before us, because it could have been brought in 1993. It could have been brought in 1994, but it is brought to us in 1995 so that there can be a Dracon Junior in the Nebraska Legislature. I am strongly opposed to this bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Crosby, followed by Senators Lindsay and Pirsch.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you very much, Madam President. I want to go ahead with a couple of other things that I think there may be some misinformation in all of this. And the one thing, you see, when Senator Pirsch reads out of what she calls the green book, she is giving you information about the United States of America as a whole. We're talking about Nebraska. Please keep in mind that we are talking about the State of Nebraska. The State of Nebraska, here's one little statistic that I think is very telling, in 1994, 4.6 percent of the women on ADC, mothers, the mothers, were under age 19. Everyone thinks, you see, that it's the teenage pregnancy that's driving the welfare rolls. That is not a fact at all. The other thing is the high percentage of that 4.6 percent are not involved, they are not living in their mother's household, or, and/or their mother is