

but I'm saying this instance of good feeling that I have I want to make the most of it. Senator Pedersen, I appreciate the fact that you were in the bull pen waiting to pinch hit when you saw that the home run hitter struck out. I admit, I struck out. I overestimated the kindness in the Legislature, but you sitting some distance from me made a better evaluation. And you have offered something in conjunction with, I think. Senator Lindsay and Senator Beutler, that you all's colleagues might accept, and it will simply mean that you understand them better than I do. I'm going to watch this vote and I certainly intend to vote with you and support you, because I think when somebody is hungry, even though I cannot provide them a loaf of bread and a beef roast, if all I have is that crust and a piece of lunchmeat,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet. So I appreciate the fact that you're giving what little we might can wrench, Senator Cudaback, from this stingy, Scrooge-like Legislature. But if they vote the right way I'll drop one of those, they'll just be Scrooge-like, I won't call them stingy also. I want to listen to the discussion and I want to hear the arguments given against even this small bit of kindness.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. We have guests visiting the Legislature today. There are 19 members of the Nebraska Land Improvement Contractors Association from across the state with their president. They are in the north balcony. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Thank you. Senator Beutler, your light is next, followed by Senators Day and Pirsch. Senator Day.

SENATOR DAY: Thank you, Madam President and colleagues. I rise in support of Senator Pedersen's amendment. It actually is LB 387, which was legislation that I introduced in the committee. With the work in the committee, and not by very much of a vote, it was decided not to move this one out and to move out Senator Pirsch's instead. We did have a lot of support from this in the committee. I think this is a very important compromise. It's important to realize what that money can go for. The woman can use it to buy clothes, she can use it to buy a crib, she can use it for a diaper bag and for the various things that are needed with a child coming into this world. The cost to the state to do it these last three months will be