about it but you don't know what it means. When you don't have much with which to purchase nutritious items with you buy things that have a lot of bulk, that will go far and make you not feel hungry even if it's not nutritious. You buy a lot of potatoes, you buy a lot of rice, you buy a lot of spaghetti, you buy all of those things that will absorb water and swell up. And when you put it inside you feel like you got something in you. Many years ago I got a bill through the Legislature that allows for medical diets for poor families, because of that very problem of people with children, some had diabetes and other deficiencies and ailments, and because they would get near the end of the month and they did not have enough to buy nutritious food, they'd start filling them up on starches and other things that aggravated the condition.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So Governor Exon, he was the Governor then, said that if I would work a bill he would let it be introduced in his name so we could get in it right away. We rushed it through with the emergency clause and got it passed and medical diets were put in place, because poor people who needed them came to me because they felt that I cared. Other senators may have cared, but people don't have the impression that they do. I think it would be a mistake, under all the circumstances that are being created by this bill, to cash out these food stamps, unless we're going to increase the amount of cash. They're going to have to pay a cash-checking fee, the landlords are going to raise the rent, creditors are going to pursue them more because now they've got cash in hand. And we're going to aggravate the problems that they already face without assisting them at all.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, Senator Matzke, I feel pretty good because I support Senator Janssen's amendment and several things that Senator Chambers said and the things that Senator Janssen said. You know these women do have money, they're paid a check, so they do have a substantial amount, I don't know if you'd call it substantial, but they do have 2 or 3 hundred dollars that they can go spend on what they want to. And I think when you...you really think that the children are going to get better nutrition by not having to have