

SENATOR WITEK: ...that are made on the floor. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam Governor and members, I've been accused of having a short-term memory problem, and they're right, sometimes I forget. But I can tell you one thing, I've got a long-term memory that never quits. And I remember when John F. Kennedy, Lord have mercy on him, just before he was killed introduced what was called "The Family Rehabilitation Program", it was a welfare reform program, and it would have worked. What he simply did was do away with all these silly categories we got. We've got a category for aid to the blind, aid to this aid...aid to disabled, aid to the aged, AFDC, and we have separate caseworkers, separate supervisors, separate managers of all of these programs. You can have a family, in some cases, that can have as many as 7 or 8 caseworkers dealing with the family unit, because the father might be in jail and the mother has problems, the kids are out on the streets doing things they shouldn't. And what he suggested would have worked because i says, and it said then, that if we took a caseworker and put a caseworker with a family unit, maybe, Lord willing, that caseworker working with everybody in that family, in that troubled, dysfunctional family may have been able to find out a core problem, try to find out what could be done to help everybody in it. And it would have worked. But, Lord willing, he got killed. John...or President Johnson came along and he was going to find an easy way to resolve it. So he started what we all remember as "The War on Poverty". Anybody remember that? You know what that was? You threw cash at everybody because you wanted to train them to be like everybody else. It turned out to be a disaster because in throwing the cash at these folks they did not, along with that, change the system so that somebody was working with that family unit who was getting the cash so that they could be rehabilitated at the same time. And so for that reason I stand up to support Senator Janssen's amendment. And I haven't talked very much on anything and I don't intend to talk very often, but I had to remind all of you here, some of you obviously not near as old as I am, or with as good a long-term memory as I have, that this was tried in a big way, not just in a piecemeal way with food stamps and it didn't work. This is not reform, in my opinion. If we want to do something in Nebraska to really reform something, let's adopt the old John F. Kennedy family rehabilitation program. You can't because the feds with the