

unmitigated gall to speak against a poor person getting some help because it takes away their self-reliance and destroys their self-concept and their feeling of self-respect. Well, maybe if we'd give them millions like we do the farmers, then we'd give them the same self-respect that you apparently feel the farmers have got. It would be better to give all these farmers who are receiving aid a Mercedes-Benz and tell them to go on their way or the equivalent of that. There are not 3 million farmers in this country, yet billions of dollars go to them, billions, 3 million farmers, did I say 3,000, 3 million, billions every year. If you read the newspaper and this is an agricultural state, we ought to be doing that, there's a guy name pistol who would...firearm. no, Luger, who was trying to run for the presidency and he knows that there are not enough people who are farmers so that their votes will be of any consequence. So he's talking about cutting those farm programs. Farm Bureau trotted up to Washington, got there puffing and out of breath, almost having a stroke and a heart attack saying, don't cut, don't cut those farm programs. Don't cut the price supports, don't cut the subsidies, pay us for not planting, keep doing what you're doing, we need it, we've got to have it. That's addiction? Isn't that dependency? But you all are so strong and adamant and unyielding when you say take from these poor women and these children because they are dependent. They're not as dependent as the farmers. They say, as farmers, guarantee me a good market price, guarantee me that. Then you have...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ... (interruption) people saying, raise the minimum wage and I'm going to work for it and the farm interests killed that. They don't want that, but they want a guaranteed price. They want to make people feel sorry for them by saying it costs more to produce this corn than I can sell it for. Well, if I want to be a shoemaker and all of my leather together costs \$10,000 and after I make the shoes I can only sell it for 1,000 and then I want you to make up the difference, you'd tell me, Ernie, you're in the wrong business. But if it costs me \$3.00 to produce a bushel of corn and I can sell it for \$2.00, then they want the government and everybody else to make up that difference and guarantee me a price. I'm not supposed to look at that, I'm not supposed to be embittered by that, I'm not supposed to be sarcastic of it and critical? I have no choice.