

newspaper you hear an ongoing raging dispute over whether there should be more engineering courses in Omaha, should there be an engineering school there. Lengthy articles about the so-called brain drain, young people leaving this state. All kinds of throwaways of money trying to lure big corporations. And we spend all of this effort because some people think that giving this paltry bit of assistance is too much for this state to offer. That cannot be justified morally or ethically. I used the term social justice this morning, that is a term common in religious ministries which are found in churches of all types of denominations, and it's based on the idea of what decency ought to be extended toward people in a society who are less fortunate. I cannot think...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of anything that strains credibility more than to say that Nebraska cannot afford to offer this kind of help when the need for it is demonstrated. So I am glad that Senator Crosby offered this amendment, I support it and I will support any other amendment that she offers. And in the meantime, I may be able to generate some additional amendments. But my goal is to ensure that these women are not more set upon than they already are.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I...Senator Crosby's amendment addresses some of the concerns that I had with these cash payments. The only problem is I don't know how it would be enforced, and certainly there aren't any restrictions or penalties. Senator Crosby, would you yield to a question, please?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Crosby, I realize that you and I hold very firm convictions on...very deeply held convictions on this issue. And I wanted to ask you, if, indeed, this amendment was adopted, if you would support then 658?

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, yes, because it has the three months. I've said all along that I will support LB 658 if we have the