

for those who have labored on this earth and behaved in a way that entitles them to that place of rest. That's where Lazarus was carried by the angels. On the other hand, the rich man awakened in hell and lifted up his eyes and he saw Lazarus and he thought about the terrible things he had done, the unwillingness to even give a crust of bread to a hungry man, and he said, just let Lazarus dip the tip of his finger in some water and bring it down here and cool the tip of my parched tongue, and that was denied. You made your bed of coals; barbecue on them. He said, well, if you cannot let Lazarus help me, let somebody go back where I came from because I have brothers and friends who are carrying on the same way that I did, let me go back and tell them what is in store for them if they continue to behave in the way that I behaved and in the way they are behaving now. That was not granted. The one who gave the story is the one to whom you all pray. I didn't make up the story. I'm not the inventor. I'm the retailer. I'm trying to pass it on and I'm saying that what we are doing here, as a body whose job it is to look out for the citizens of this state, is more reprehensible than what the rich man did in holding onto all that he had that he felt was his to do with as he pleased, even if it meant denying a crust of bread to a hungry poor man. Twenty-five thousand dollars. I don't know whether all this stuff about heaven and hell is true. I don't know. But if it is, wouldn't it be a terrible thing to have all such little items as this that we're dealing with this morning be the basis for our being condemned as morally inappropriate in our conduct? We are going to commit a large immoral act, in my opinion. When it comes to the morality of the act, the amount of money involved is not what makes the determination as to the magnitude of the wrong. We owe it to the people who don't have access to this government, to those who may not have eyes to see, who may not have...

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** One minute.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** .ears to hear, who may not have the strong limbs that enable them to walk. We should be their limbs, we should be their eyes, we should be their ears, and we could easily extend this pittance to assist them and, by doing so, we are not depriving anybody else of anything. Not often do we have the opportunity to do so much good while causing no one any harm. If you're a singer and you sing a song, you have not diminished yourself any by sending that music into the world that may be beneficial to somebody else. Maybe this is just the