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poorer people make a decent wage, and you've got to do that, either through minimum wage laws or through earned income credits, one of the two ways. And then you wouldn't have to deal with housing programs. You wouldn't have to deal with health care for children. You wouldn't have to deal with all the crap we deal with day after day after day because we won't face the problem directly. And businesses complain and complain and complain about high government costs but, you know, most of those costs are because they won't pay people at the lower end of the economic scale an adequate wage. Things would work a lot better if those people had the money to go out and get affordable housing and made their own choices about what kind of housing and which developers to prefer, let all of the normal competitive aspects come into play but, no, it goes on decade after decade after decade. We won't do it. So how do we...so how do we...how do we make up for it? How do we try to make this system work? We have another government program to help somebody out and how do we get the government program passed? By buying off certain aspects or certain parts of the business community who are going to benefit from that program. So that coalition gets built, and we have one more government program that has all kinds of administrative costs, and these housing projects on the federal level have been a disaster, filled with graft, filled with inefficiencies. I'm going to vote against the Maurstad amendment, though, and keep the possibility of General Funds open simply because I am not willing to let the poor people go down the drain because we won't do it the right way, but I'm frustrated by that, and really kind of angry about it because I keep getting put into this position, but I can't vote for the bill ultimately unless there is some kind of definition of what low income is. Because I think one of the ways we've gotten ourselves into gigantic trouble in this county is by...another way we...we get to help the poor is by buying a part of the middle class into the act, and I have seen these housing programs in the past where you let some bureaucrat define low income, and they like their job, and so low income is really very high income, and the programs balloon, and the money gets spent, and government is financing the middle class then instead of just the very poorest people who need it, and we have one more disaster on our hands. We invite all these various kinds of social disasters because we won't go back and make a couple of fundamental adjustments in the economic system, in my opinion. So, just needed to get that off my chest. Thank you.

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