

if you can only make it there. But when that is the place where the harm is inflicted, where can you go, to whom can you turn? Ministers are often busy. Priests are often occupied. Professional psychiatrists and psychologists often cannot be paid the amounts of money they want to be available to minister to people in these tragic circumstances. So, I'm joining Senator Bernard-Stevens and the others who are trying to tap into that compassion that I have preached to me so often when I accuse the Legislature of being hardhearted, stingy and unconcerned about those who cannot help themselves. We are talking in this instance about victims. I don't see Senator Pirsch here. I don't see Senator Witek. I don't see those people who talk so much when it is "appropriate" to discuss these issues because the time has come. This is an amount, Senator Wehrbein, that I think you should find your way clear to support. We are not just talking just about numbers now. We are not talking about dollars and objects and theories and abstractions. We are talking about people who are victimized in the worst most demeaning and damaging way. All that is being sought is \$73,500 out of a budget that is over a billion dollars. It wouldn't even take the space that a gnat would take up on the back of an elephant. And we don't want to do it. We talk about all of these other things in this budget. I am going to watch on how people vote on this, then when they come to me and talk about voting about money for the university or for some college of engineering in Omaha, I'm sure that we will be talking about more than \$73,000, and that is when they will get teary-eyed...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That is when their little voices will quiver and tremble. And that is when they will make an appeal from God in heaven, to the Pope in Rome to their parish priest and the little boy down on the corner hustling newspapers because he has got holes in his shoes and he is trying to get some money to help put food on the table for his family. And they will argue all of those things to get money for the university. Here we are talking about people who have been devastated in the worst way and we have to beg, we have to cajole and we have to try to persuade people to do that which they ought to be running to do. We are not telling you to leap in where angels fear to tread. We are asking you to tailgate on the angels and slowly sly into doing that which the worst of us should have no trouble doing.