

SENATOR COORDEEN: Time. Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, now we come to what I was talking about earlier in terms of the uniform weights and measures. Look how few people are in this Chamber because we are talking about the people whose interests we ought to be looking after. If it was deemed that this bill is in danger and the big shots may not get what they want, this room would be full. My rural colleagues would be here being whipped into shape, but maybe they have been whipped down already and they know what their marching orders are. Jones, I might have made a mistake the other day by pulling for those rural interests because I thought, in the way they were standing up, that they understood the idea of equity and fair play, and it seems that I fought harder than some of them did. But the reason I did it was because I thought it was the right thing to do, and I still think it's the right thing to do, and I would do it again. But I notice how scarce they are when an issue comes up which they ought to be willing to assist on. They need to understand that as the farm economy grows increasingly less able to support people who are a part of that economy, they are going to have to go someplace to make a living. Maybe some of them will be seeking these jobs. What Senator Wesely and I are interested in doing, even though we both live in the city, we live in the state of Nebraska, and no city in Nebraska is so big that it can be called a metropolis. I know the statutes talks about a city of the metropolitan class, but that is just to stroke the ego of the people in Omaha. Nebraska is, basically, a rural state and it, basically, has a countryside mentality. It is not a sophisticated state. There are no centers of culture or sophistication in this state. So a lot of things are done to make people get the impression that they are respected by the ones from whom they want to receive that respect, talking about the big shots with pouches instead of pockets, in order that they can be exploited. So if these jobs are going to be created, and the jobs are going to be created for people who live in Nebraska, consider that people from the area you represent may be coming for the job. So why are you unwilling or why are you so lacking in vision and understanding that you cannot see the validity of an amendment like this. Twenty thousand dollars is not an exorbitant salary, and to say that health care benefits would be a part of the package is not unreasonable. But where are the other senators? Who knows.