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died and went to paradise. And while the flames are licking at that fat...that fat burns; that's why they call it "pucker-tory", because it makes you pucker when the flames hit you. So he was in "pucker-tory", just puckering from those flames, and the rich man thought about how he had mistreated Lazarus, and he looked up there and saw Lazarus in Abraham's bosom. Now, that never made sense to me, and when I was a little kid, I used to say, if Abraham has a daughter, I'd rather rest in Abraham's daughter's bosom, but I don't want to rest in Abraham's bosom. But anyway, I didn't write the story. He said, let Lazarus dip his finger in some water, just dip the tip of his finger in some water, and let him come down here and put the tip of his finger on my parched tongue. Now, that's the story that is told. And it's supposed to have some kind of effect. But it doesn't when time comes for us to operate. You all are here for those prayers. You all are the ones who want the prayers. I don't need them, because I don't need somebody to tell me that I'm going to go to hell...if I got a bakery and somebody needs a slice of bread, I don't need somebody to tell me if I don't give that person a slice of bread I'm going to hell. And if that's the only reason I gave the slice of bread, the deed has no virtue anyway. How much does it hurt me to give a slice of bread? So instead of our finding a way to give a slice of bread to the hungry, we're going to say, if you give a slice of bread to the hungry, then the rich might go to the bakery and buy 30 loaves of bread. It's as silly as that stuff they used to tell us when we were little: if you don't eat everything on your plate, there are millions of starving Chinese. And those of us who were children and thought said, well, if I do eat it, they're still going to be starving. And if there's some way that food that I don't eat is going to help somebody who's starving, why do they want me to eat it all up anyway? Let it go to the starving Chinese if magically that's what's going to happen. People tell children stuff that makes no sense, and that's...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...why children such as I was don't have a lot of confidence in what grown people say. When we're little and we're taught to be respectful, we go along and act like we're accepting what they tell us. But in our young,