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Then he shook the stick again with the bird on it and the owl came again and he hit the owl again. And he just kept doing that until he decided to stop. The owl never caught on. So when we around here say our colleagues in greater Nebraska are as wise as owls, you know what we're telling you, don't you? That's why the Bible didn't say be as smart as an owl and as wise as a...as wise as an owl and as smart as a fox. It said be as wise as a serpent and as harmless as a dove. That stuff of being about as wise as an owl is off the beam. Questions now are being asked that ought to have been asked before the vote, but my rural colleagues are so trusting, so trusting. Here I stood up on the floor...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and tried to reason. What I should have done was gotten my big old verbal two by four and done to my colleagues like you have to do with a mule. You hit him upside the head with a board to get his attention, they say. But I don't think mules are stupid, but people do, so I'm just accepting that stereotype for the purpose of this discussion. I'm going to watch my rural colleagues twist in the wind some more. They use you and then throw you away, and it's doing my little heart a lot of good, at least temporarily, and that goes for my friend Senator "Bakee".

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: They can enter into contracts but they can't give any money away. I don't...they can't give grants. There was technical assistance money, I think is what we're talking about here at this point. The technical assistance money was to start the program and that was the piece that was handed out yesterday by them, and their plan...and most them plans in some...is also being done again by Probation. I know minor in possession, vandalism, bad check writing offenders, property crimes such as shoplifting, them are being done now. Again, I want to say I hope by what I was saying did not...I still don't think they ought to be able to have the granting authority to hand out this money and if they have made commitments to this money then they did it without this floor or this body giving them authority to do so. Thank you.