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he that sat upon him was death. Death comes in many forms. Death comes in many guises. Many things are subject to death. This is one of those types of programs which could bring life in various forms to many people. If any money is to be spent for any thing, this is a program that I think it ought to be spent for. I will not try to give a stemwinding speech because either people see the value of this program or they don't. But one thing I will say, society has advanced at least to the point where the people who are mentally ill are not locked up in closets, they're not tortured in order to beat or frighten the devil out of them, as it was said, but they are viewed as human beings who do need help. It's clear they cannot help themselves. And if the strong are to bear the infirmities of the weak, those of us who are fortunate enough to have control of our faculties should give a thought to those who do not, to the families, to the friends, to just those people who may not even know them but have enough compassion to realize that people who are in this condition are on the earth for a purpose also, and maybe the reason they're on the earth is to give us a chance to show our compassion. One fellow needed healing and people asked Jesus, who sinned, this man or his parents? And Jesus said, neither sinned; this man is in this condition so that...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...you can see the power of God at work. Then Jesus healed him, according to the story. Did you say time? We are not gods, but you all, some of you, believe you were made in the image of God, so that means you're at least a shadow. So if God heals you're given the opportunity as a shadow to contribute, and I think we certainly ought to do it this afternoon.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: I call the question, please.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Question before the body is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.