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to here--and I'm putting my finger across my throat just below my chin, because it will not show up in the record otherwise. Terry Moore and these hustlers never come down here, never lurk in the lobby to do something to help the laboring people. The biggest enemy that laboring people have right now is organized labor. When we had that unemployment bill that was going to punish workers, organized labor did not show up to testify against it. I had to work my fingers to the bone, because organized labor did not do its job. They--because I don't know whether they get handouts under the table or what--but they get appointed to boards, said, support LB 775 because workers are going to be doing all the work. Now I'm getting letters from Terry Moore and his hustlers saying they're against LB 775 because they didn't get the jobs they thought they were going to get. Now they got people running around here saying, support an increase in the gas tax. Organized labor is saying, increase the gas tax on the poor working people. And I do have people in my district where high gas prices hurt them in trying to get from home to work. And organized labor is out there in the hall. They ought to be ashamed of themselves. I don't want one of them to come to my office for anything. I don't want one of them to speak to me in the hall. I dislike traitors, and I dislike those who line their own pockets. You see them, I say again, on these boards and commissions in Omaha, rubbing elbows with the big shots who are hurting the working people. Will he go out and tell the laboring people that he had people on the floor of the Legislature saying, raise the gas tax on poor people, not to build roads and highways, but to support a boondoggle which is enriching investors, speculators, and purveyors, and most of them probably outside of this state? So what did they promise this time? Working people in Nebraska are going to build all these plants and get all these jobs. Then two years down the road, we'll be getting letters saying, don't support ethanol anymore, because these people in Nebraska did not do the work. That is not a justification for harming the poor people. I see why bankers and others don't like organized labor. They think organized labor is working on behalf of the laboring people. And wouldn't you think somebody like me would laud them and praise them? It's an easy job being a labor lobbyist down here, because you don't have to do anything. Walk around scuffing the floor with your head down, don't go to