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touched. They're the only ones who are immune. Since these are giveaway welfare programs, they ought to be on the same footing as every other, what you all call, giveaway or welfare programs. They have to get in line like everybody else; when the bucket gets empty, they get less. But they fix it, and they take care of themselves and each other. I see that my young brother from Norfolk just got back. I listened to him earlier, and he was saying that out of a class of 32 in Madison County who graduated--I probably listened to him more than anybody else--only two are left, only two, he and somebody else, because they couldn't get enough carfare to get out Madison County. But he said those who left, he said they didn't leave because they don't like Nebraska. They didn't leave because it's not a nice place to raise your children. Do you know why they left? Because they can't all carry concealed weapons! (Laughter) I just thought I'd throw that in. That's not what he said, but that's what I thought he was going to say. He was working up to a crescendo, but he didn't pull it off. Next time he'll see what he can get with a line like the one I just delivered, and then he can come right back behind it and make the point he was going to make.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: On this bill, though, if you look out in the lobby, they know that it's going to go. I know it's going to go. Everybody knows it's going to go. But when you're a person such as I am, and you engage in conduct that some people describe as jousting with the windmills, that's as much a part of my nature in this position as it is for others to suck up to business, roll over and do their dirty work. So we're all acting in accord with our nature. I blame you and I criticize you, but in reality, deep down, I know you cannot do any better. If I were to run a DNA...take a DNA sample and look at that readout, I'd see little genes peddling along those business-oriented chromosomes, and what could you do? And they don't even wear helmets. The only place they can go is where that chromosome leads, and...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.