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supplement social security should have the support if they wish to work, in order to avoid using public assistance or giving up their homes. LB 245 had no opponents at its hearing in January. It was supported by the Department of Labor, and I have talked with representatives of the business community about this amendment and have been assured that that is not something they oppose. I urge your adoption of this amendment, to make a huge difference in the lives of low-income, older Nebraskans. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. On with discussion of the Foley amendment. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Flood.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Would Senator Foley yield to some questions?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Foley?

SENATOR FOLEY: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Foley, I glanced at your handout here from the Journal Star, and it talks about a 12-year old soliciting business in Lincoln. Does your amendment cover the 12-year-old?

SENATOR FOLEY: It's my understanding, Senator Smith, that a 12-year-old could not be in an employer/employee relationship.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay.

SENATOR FOLEY: That you have to be either 14 or 15 to get a limited work permit.

SENATOR SMITH: So...

SENATOR FOLEY: And of course, at age 16, you can work (inaudible).

SENATOR SMITH: ...there's a violation of the law already, with the 12-year-old.