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food here and I'll feed you as much of it as you want to eat to satisfy your hunger, but I'm not going to give you money because I smell something on your breath that makes me think you're going to take this and go drink it up; now, if you want to eat, you can eat right here, and when it comes to something to drink, you can have your choice between water, soda pop, coffee, nothing stronger. And some will say, well, that's all right; and others are hungry. I know that there are people out there who have needs because I come in contact with them, as we all do if we would see what passes in front of our eyes. You know what I've had happen to me? I speak to anybody who will make eye contact with me. If they don't want to speak, fine. How does contact with me. it hurt me to say, how you doing, and then if they don't want to speak and I see them next time, I won't waste their time or But the first time around, I will speak. I've seen mine. people sitting out in front of this building and they look like they might be down on their luck, but they're a human being, as far as I'm concerned, so I speak. And someone will stop me and want to go on and on about how pleased they are that somebody would speak to them. They have so little and are treated so poorly that somebody merely speaking, as another human being, means something to them. Somebody is that unfortunate. And we come in here day after day and give hundreds of thousands of dollars and millions to these big companies, and don't think about the poor. All of this talk about fetuses and nothing about the children who are here and have needs. article where in 2012, or whatever the year was, the amount in millions of dollars that will have to be paid to these ethanol speculators is going to be astronomical. And Nebraska, as I've stated, has an increasingly aging population. It is not growing numerically, so you're going to have fewer and fewer wage earners paying more and more taxes to retire the debts that are being loaded on them by people in this Legislature who have no concern for the future or the children yet unborn. If Senator Foley and his ilk were not concerned only about fetuses in the womb but what they're going to be confronted with when they come into this world as full-fledged human beings,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...we wouldn't be voting so much to give all