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girl. Other than that, I'm not aware of him having told dead people to get up and they got up. But there is a rumor contained in one of the books of the "Bible" that, after his crucifixion and things related to that, people said graves broke open and some of the dead walked. What could be done by Jesus was not done. He could have taken away all hunger but he didn't. He could have healed every ailment but he chose not to. He could have restored sanity to all of those who had mental problems but he didn't. So if Jesus with all that power chose not to do everything that needed to be done, I have to say, with my finite powers, I cannot do everything this Legislature needs to do. But what I can do, I will. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion. Senator Howard.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I, too, support the health outreach clinics, having two very close to my district, Hope Medical Outreach and OneWorld. I know the good work that they do for needy families and especially for needy children. Having said that, I'd like to take just a few moments to thank the Appropriations Committee and especially Senator Don Pederson for including in the budget \$100,000 for fetal alcohol research and prevention. This money certainly would have done so much good and I'm very grateful to the Appropriations Committee that they felt that it was worth including in the budget. I'm just going to read you a small excerpt from the presentation that I did before the committee to give you an idea of what that would have done, what that amount of money would have done. According to the research conducted by Munroe-Meyer, approximately 1 of every 200 children born in Nebraska has an alcohol-related birth defect. The cost of caring for these children is about \$600,000 throughout the course of each child's life. An effective folic acid promotion program could have reduced the number of children born with alcohol-related birth defects by 33 percent, resulting in a \$25 million cost savings per year. To me, that's a very significant amount and, even more important, each of those lives that could have been affected was very significant. In thinking about this after the veto came out, it occurred to me, looking back to last year's vetoes, the vetoes that occurred this year,