

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Witek used the term socialist. Senator Witek, I'm a communist. The one thing that I believe about your Christian religion is the part that the disciples put in place where all people have all things in common. That's Communism, that's Christianity. The basis is in the Bible, and because Ananias and Sapphira came to the gathering and said they had indeed put everything that they had into the pot, each one of them was struck dead by God for lying. They lied about being Communist when, in fact, they were not. So when you throw these terms around, these labels, you ought to be a little more circumspect in which ones you select. As far as liberals, I don't know what a liberal is. To me, nobody on this floor is liberal, nobody. You have conservatives, ultraconservatives, then yourself, reactionaries. Those are the categories that I see, so all these terms are relative and I just wanted to put that in since Senator Witek began telling us that we're Socialists and liberals and all these other things which she cannot define but she probably just got through getting a good stiff dose of Rush Limbaugh before she came down here. I call him Slush Slimebaugh and I have a poem about him if any of you all are interested in hearing it. But as far as the part that it has to play in connection, I'm talking now about the language in the committee amendment, as far as the part it plays in the welfare reform issue, if you look at three pages of this report which Senator Wesely had sent to our desks, it's titled "Governor's Welfare Reform Task Force". The first page would be a baby Roman numeral ii, two lower case iis, about midway in the page. The task force considers health care a distinct benefit necessary for all Nebraskans and its accessibility and affordability is a major factor in preventing the need for welfare from the state or federal governments. Then if you flip to page 7, about a third of the way down, "If we had comprehensive national health care, many customers," meaning recipients, "would not need public assistance." Then if you go over to page 15, the paragraph in the middle of the page headed, Health Care, "Health care issues are currently under study by other groups at both the state and national level, therefore, specific study and recommendations were not undertaken by the Welfare Reform Task Force. However, as was noted by many attending our public hearings, access and affordability of health care is often the most significant determinant of a family's economic status. The task force considers health care a distinct benefit necessary for all Nebraskans and its accessibility and affordability is a major factor in preventing the need for welfare from the state