

although it's certainly useful information, I think it is certainly somewhat outdated. And finally, the last time or my last comment as I rise states with a comment made by one of the speakers that indicated that if this aspect, this portion of the committee amendment were stricken, would have a different attitude relative to the entire bill and I'm just, in my mind, wondering how many times that statement is going to be made as the voluminous number of amendments that are going to be brought forth on this particular issue, this particular bill, come forth over the stretch of the next couple days. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'm one of those speakers, perhaps the only one, who used the terms hard-hearted, hypocritical and such like, and I mean it. Senator Maurstad, I hear impassioned speeches for Micron legislation, I mean impassioned speeches, give this all away, give it away on LB 425 which I worked very hard with, hard on with Senator Engel even though I don't like the philosophy of the bill. Speeches by you saying the Governor's slush fund, you didn't call it that, needs to be in place. Senator Witek was even stronger than you. She wanted it to be a slush fund, very impassioned speeches why this has got to be, and let me not forget our issue of ethanol. I heard very impassioned speeches on that too and we're not talking about concrete people, we're talking about big monied individuals and helping them to make more money and the passion is felt and the juices flow. When we come to talking about children, everything becomes different. We want to count up every penny, every nickel, and make comparisons between one poor person and another poor person and say, well, this one is less poor than that one, so if the one who is a bit less poor is making it, then the one who is a bit more poor has to work harder to get to the less poor situation and maybe starve, but it would take a longer time to achieve it. That kind of conversation is immoral. We're approaching the Christmas season, Easter season, I believe. I read encyclicals. When the Pope...when they write a review of an encyclical by the Pope or they give a survey of what it says and what it means, I read those things. I probably read more of them than Catholics do. I mean, I read it in detail and I try to get a copy of the entire item. I read speeches, Senator Hall, that Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and all of them get put in the