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the cost of this situation and it certainly would provide more benefit to those that are in dire need and this is what is of grave concern to me in frankness to you. These guys run around and absolutely have no consideration for the children they left behind and here we are picking up the tab. Some way, some how, some thing has got to be done to curb this situation.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, you were next on the list here to speak.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I will try to be brief but there are some things that I think must be said. Whenever a discussion of this kind arises, there are a lot of statements made which are designed to raise certain emotions and stereotyped reactions whenever you face a problem of this nature. I ran into the same thing when I introduced LB 1432 last session to prevent the Governor or the Welfare Department from prorating ADC payments. Again, ADC was singled out for this kind of activity to the exclusion of all other category of welfare recipients. Some of us were told that if this were done, it would cut into the Governor's Executive powers and the terrible things that would happen. The bill was passed. The Governor did veto it. It was passed despite his veto and nothing has happened to the state of Nebraska. The state has not gone into the red. The Governor's Executive power has not been diminished, and as I already told you, that bill led to a surplus in Welfare Department funds and the Governor decided to use this to give higher payments to Nursing Homes. Again, an area which nobody in the Legislature seems concerned about, but there was an investigation into certain overpayments to psychiatrists and doctors and some psychiatrists were claiming money for care given to welfare recipients which was never given. Some of these psychiatrists were on vacation at the time they were suppose to be given this assistance and in trying to get information, I'll read you a brief account from the Sun newspaper and that will terminate what I have to say on this motion. "State Senator Ernest Chambers has been the only public official seeking a public accounting of the latter investigation. He first raised the issue in a letter last April 11th requesting information from State Welfare Director Lawrence Graham. A week later", and understand this, "Graham wrote Chambers that, 'We have no information regarding a Douglas county investigation of overcharges made by psychiatrists on behalf of recipients of public assistance.' Chambers then wrote Douglas County Social Services Administrator, Michael Healy. Healy confirmed there was such an investigation but he said Chambers had to get details from state officials" If the state officials have the details, and I, as a state Senator, request some information, they could at least acknowledge that the investigation is occurring. Mr. Graham told me he had no knowledge of such investigation, although the information from the Douglas County Welfare Department had been turned over to his department. "Chambers then wrote to the Governor and Exon in an attempt to learn about the probe. Exon was asked to reveal certain investigation details without the names or any privileged doctor-patient material. Exon said any such disclosure would be illegal" The whole Chambers letter exchange with Graham and Exon got some attention in the Lincoln newspapers last spring, but that has been it. In the interim, Douglas County Attorney Knowles, decided not to file charges based on the state findings and the article goes on to tell how Mr. Graham and others, when it comes to abuses by hospitals, by psychiatrists, and by doctors will not reveal any names. They will not file charges. They bring them in and see if they can discuss it and work it out and, as the result of one discussion, a psychiatrist had to restore over \$3,000 to the state for charging for services that he never rendered. But you saw how Governor Exon and some of