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sharing funds come to this state as has been promised by the federal government. A man stood up there and said that money could be used for anything the state chose to use it for. There is money to fund this program. In no case where a welfare bill was concerned, and all the opposition talked about the terrible things that would happen if the bill passed, in no case where the bill passed did the terrible things happen that the people said. I have to mention again Senator Goodrich getting loans (??) by not paying his taxes on time. How is a man going to pass such great ability to compute figures when he is taking food away from children, but he can't compute figures when time comes to pay taxes or what he has made his living at for I don't know how many years. All of the inconsistency, but nobody cares because these are children. The children's crusade, the children have been brutalized throughout the history of this country and throughout the history of this world. It's ironic that we would pass and anti-child abuse one day and kill a bill like this one the next one. I am going to get a copy of the names of all the men who vote against this bill and let people know what kind of people we have in the Legislature. And I know some of you, like Senator Mahoney the other day, is going to talk about how good the Legislature has been to me and all that kind of stuff. That doesn't mean anything. The Legislature has not been good to me. The Legislature is suppose to be concerned about justice. I'll bet if we made a record and a list of what various men have got in the Legislature to vote on, I've got nothing out of this Legislature and this is not my bill. This is not going to put any money in my pocket. This is going to feed children. Some of you may be too old to remember a child or because your child is not hungry, you think nobody's child is hungry. Some of you when I talk to you about this off the floor of the Legislature, you can't even look me in the eye and you want to hem and haw and talk about all kind of other things and tell why you can't vote for it, but in here before that camera, you will stand up and roar like a lion so you can get a reelection issue, so you can get a reelection issue, and I was told that Senators Snyder and Senator Goodrich who have gotten so much of a reputation off of opposing me on everything ought to donate me 80% of their campaign fund because I have done so much of their campaigning for them just by being here. Those are some of the issues. I hope you don't play games on this bill. If you want to take a shot at me, wait till one of my bills comes up. Don't try to get at me through getting at children.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh is next. Still debating the motion shall LB 235 be returned to Select File for a specific amendment, that be to strike the "enacting clause".

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, no, we should not return this for any amendment. I would like to point out some figures from the months of November, 1972 which were the most recent ones that I can get my hands on in a hurry. The average AABD payment was \$82.00 a month. This AABD means, aged, blind, and disabled. The average aged payment per month is \$64.00. The average blind payment is \$119.00 per person. The disabled average is \$101.00 per month. Comparing this to the average ADC, this comes out to \$43.74 per person. Interesting isn't it that the aged, the blind, and the disabled have the power of voting. All the members of the population of Nebraska who are on ADC, these are the children of Nebraska who need help because they are in a situation that they are unable to change themselves. We must be their sponsors, too, not just those that can vote. Let's pass over this and pass on Final Reading, LB 235.

PRESIDENT: The chair next recognizes Senator Kelly, then Moylan, Fred Carstens, Whitney.