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that would break the budget wide open. Now this is the decision you have to make right now. Do you want to break the budget wide open or do you want to stick with our original decision. I strongly urge that we stick with our original decision.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I will be brief because I've said what I'm about to say now many times before. There are very important programs that are to be funded by A bills that are currently reposing on final reading. One that I'm extremely interested in is 235A. Naturally, 235, the bill, first, and the reason I would like to see us pass this measure in spite of all the talk about not being sure how much money is going to come from the Federal Government and so forth, we do know that there are people who are hungry in this State. There are children who are hungry and inadequate amount of assistance is being offered by the State to these children. A report came out of Washington condemning Nebraska and Iowa, among two Mid-western states which are not aggressively pushing a program to feed the hungry people found within these states. 235 and 235A are not going to solve all those problems but they are a step in the right direction. There's been a lot of agonizing debate and discussion in trying to move 235 and 235A from general file to where they now sit on final reading. I would ask you to support Senator Carpenter's motion. Nothing that we do here can bind us really from one day to the next and sometimes it's necessary to acknowledge that an error of judgment was made regardless of the reason that it was made and I think to cut off a bill like this and the aims designed to be met thereby is a mistake in judgment and I would ask you to support Senator Carpenter's motion.

PRESIDENT: Chair rec--next recognizes Senator Frank Lewis, then Waldron, Stahmer, Schmit.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to direct a question to Mr. Goodrich.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Goodrich, you said this would break the budget wide open, right?

SENATOR GOODRICH: That's what I said.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Now as a confident legislature which I-- legislator which I'm sure you are, are you going to, if we do this, are you going to use individual decisions on which A bills you might vote for?

SENATOR GOODRICH: I'm not going to vote for any of them.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, then you're going to use your own decisions there and I would suggest that most of us would vote on the basis of the merit of the bill. I don't surely expect to vote for every A bill up there but I'd like the choice of voting for those that I think are meritorious and are needed and I think all of us should do that and should have the opportunity. I suppose the Carpenter motion.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I would remind Senator Lewis that what I attempted to do when I stood up a moment ago was to be sure