

very busy. Last night, this is a point of personal privilege. Last night on the television news there was a family in Omaha of a man, woman and twelve children who seem to be unable to receive welfare or relief or some ways of providing the means of existing in this world. The one avenue that was open to them was ADC payments so the husband who was physically unable to work, left the wife and when she applied for ADC payments it was my understanding that the law or court in Omaha ordered the man picked up and put in jail. I don't understand and I want Senator Kennedy to explain to me if there is anything that this Nebraska Legislature can do to make it possible for someone who has a large family or who needs relief to go at it in some other way than ADC and if ADC is the only means by which a family of this size can be supported by welfare why do we have to lock up the husband. It costs about seven, ten thousand dollars a year to keep him locked up, but surely there is some avenue open to support a family without causing them to separate and then lock the husband up. SENator Kennedy do you know of...

PRESIDENT: He is down here at Burbach's mike. Senator Kennedy do you care to respond.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Kennedy do you care to comment on this, and I would like for Senator Chambers, maybe you know something about this couple, but to me it seems a disgrace to this nation of ours and to this state that we would force a family to separate and then throw the husband in jail to just have relief for them.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Senator Keyes, you mentioned to me a little bit ago the subject and I said that if you would get me the entire information I would certainly feel the same way that you do. We ought to find out what the problem is, but to solve it here on the mike would be impossible for me because I would have to have all of the background of the family and the problems and the situations, but yes, I think that if there is a problem in that category at all we ought to work on it and we ought to work on it immediately. If you have more information I would appreciate having it and working with you. I think that you should have an answer.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature I just have a bit more information because the lady called me last night after this happened. Her husband is disabled. When he applies for work they won't let him pass the physical so they won't let him get a job. He applied for disability with the state and they took an X-Ray and they said that they saw nothing so he could not get disability. Yet he was in Vets hospital yesterday when his wife went before the county board to see if she could make an appeal for help. When one of the County Board members asked what hospital he was in. She told him Vets Hospital and the police went to the hospital and put him in jail. That is what happened yesterday. This is what happened when a lady made an appeal to the Douglas County Board of Commissioners about a situation. I counseled her that the next time she has a problem like that, don't take your business before these people, don't put it in the street, they will abuse you, they will make you a laughing