

sent to we people who are Senators. Obviously we can't... look at the summary. That is where I started from so then I called the director of the welfare and said what are you going to do about this study? His answer as I understood it was, really nothing. They had the discretionary power as the law was to do whatever they wanted to do if they wanted to do it. I said that I want you to cooperate with me in drafting for me at my request whether it represents your view point or not a bill that will take your discretion away from the welfare department and give it to your department. I said now, how many federal funds are available? We said that we have about three million dollars or more of federal funds which are unincumbered which we are unable to match as of now and as of now today and which will not affect any of the other existing programs of the welfare department. So now in the budget as I understand it there is a million dollars in the welfare deposits which as I recall is recommended by the welfare departments. There are three million dollars of Federal Funds which otherwise this state won't use nor will the welfare department use, unless we pass this bill. Now obviously like anything else, unless you notify people that these things might be available upon the basis that we are talking about and four million dollars would not complete the program to the extent that it probably shouldn't. This is a beginning, not the end. Now what would this...how are people going to know about this thing? They drafted this amendment which the Senators have indicated and ear marked that they are going to notify those that are potential applicants that the law is in existence, otherwise they would probably not have known this. Now what are we trying to do? We have a lot of mothers and many people complain about welfare and I presume rightfully so, I do my share of it. But, the survey show that welfare in the state of Nebraska is not abused to more than 2 or 3% of the total as I recall. I would say that if it wasn't abused more than 10% that it would be a remarkable record within itself. But many people want to get people off of the welfare roles and how can you do it, how can a woman leave what she is confronted with in the way of responsibility and go to work if when she gets through she really will not net much more than it costs her in order to hire someone to look after her children. That is what the bill provides to do. The bill in a general sense says that for one-half day for five days or one full day for five days if they can qualify and if the money is there and they are eligible then that woman if she so desires if she feels that she can leave here family she can go to work. The welfare department has assured me that the cost of taking care of the children would be as nominal as they can make it and certainly much less than she would have to pay for a baby sitter. Now lets talk about the surroundings of the child. I think that it might be a good thing if this Senate would and could go out and see how a lot of people have to live. I'm not concerned as to whose fault it is, I'm only concerned that that is the way they have to live. That is the way that these children are brought up and as they are brought up a child starts to think that the day it is born, the day it is born it starts to gain knowledge and those things gained in the beginning it never forgets. Now to those people against welfare, we have to attempt to do something to relieve that problem that is self evident. Now I went to Terrytown where I have about 200 tenants who rent from me, and I find from time to time that the delinquent list is becoming greater and greater because they run out of money. I think that is true of most people. So lets just