

granting certain services to handicapped children and I heard as I was coming down here this morning that the State Commissioner of Education indicated that the estimate was about a million dollars short but I don't think that is a valid reason for terminating the program. We know that when these propositions come before the Legislature an estimate has to be made so that when the public looks at what has been done it will appear an attempt has been made to keep a handle on these various programs. I don't see the need for the amendment and I will be frank, Senator Stoney, even if the program were not self-sufficient in three years, if it is valid and serves a need now, it will be valid and serve a need at that time and that is what I am looking at. And as to Senator Haberman saying I would trade off the interest of the blind against the interest of women, the Chicanos and others who are disadvantaged in this state, it shows the lack of sensitivity on the part of Senator Haberman. He is saying if we have three children which are hungry and we are dealing with child one right now, then am I willing to say that we will not feed child two and three in order to feed child number one. I would never personally say that myself because that is not what my moral values and scruples allow me to say, but if that is the kind of person that Senator Haberman is and he stated it with his own mouth, I will know how to view the things he deals with in the future. Now I am telling you very precisely and to the point so that you will understand what I am getting at. By supporting this bill, I am not trading away the interest of any other group that needs help in this state and, Senator Haberman, that even includes the farmers. It even includes the farmers. As a matter of fact for your information, I was one of the first ones to fight hard for a corporation farming bill, but to allow them to be here, to protect the family farm. I was one of those who tried to get some compensation coverage for agricultural workers which I am sure the farmers themselves did not want but agricultural work is one of the most dangerous ones in the country. So my interests are not related to one issue, Senator Haberman. My concerns are with those people who have no voice, who have no lobby, who were scorned, who were walked upon and set aside by those who jump to the tune of the large special interest groups. So I believe there are plenty of people here who speak for the insurance companies, who speak for the doctors, who speak for the optometrists, who speak for the large implement dealers, for those who have inventories but who will speak for the blind, who will speak for the hungry, who will speak for those who cannot speak for themselves? There is a responsibility on some of us that is felt very keenly. There is in reality a respon-