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and it is where these people get the low interest loans, disaster loans, 3% interest regardless of ability to repay, regardless of annual income, regardless of ability to get credit elsewhere and you know what they are doing with it, some of them? Putting them in certificates of deposit and drawing much more interest than the amount they have to pay and they are making money on this farmers welfare program, and if you look at Sunday's Lincoln Star-Journal, you will see that it goes to the large farmers and ag business concerns and they deal with loans upward of \$50,000. I did not total the amount that comes into Nebraska but it is considerable and I know that this bill has not as much chance as a snowball in the place where most people in the Legislature will probably go and will go there because they lack compassion, lack compassion. I have to take these opportunities because there are so many people on this floor who like to talk about cutting corners and trimming the budget when it involves the poor who have no real spokespeople here except that I make the attempt to do so and I am poor by the way and there are others who try to make that attempt but most of the Senators, they sense it at the gut level that poor people have to spend so much time trying to find a means to make ends meet and feed their children that they cannot participate at an extended political drive to remove those hard hearted people who are not opposed to the welfare program for the agri business and the wealthy farmers. Wayne Ziebarth, over \$270,000 he got the largest loan in the state. He used to sit in this Legislature. He used to talk about cutting budgets. Senator Nore used to do the same thing and I was able to point out how he was getting money at that time for not planting crops. It reminds me of an incident where some people like those who feel that the poor are getting too much, Senator Kahle, were concerned about the Chicanos in California and other southwestern parts of the United States receiving unemployment compensation or money for not working so when asked how they could justify receiving money for not working they mentioned John Wayne, the symbol of Americana, the symbol and emblem of patriotism. They said, we get paid, Senator Kahle, for not picking the cotton that John Wayne gets paid for not growing but when we look at it both ways then it becomes an uncomfortable situation. I know what the fate of this bill is but I had to take the opportunity and on my time I want to read a few excerpts from this newspaper which I don't think can be considered to be under my control and I don't believe this article was written to help me in the discussion we are having this morning on the food tax. Many

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