

in the shoes if you possibly can, I know it is difficult, Senator Kahle, or Senator Kelly. Try and put yourself in the shoes of a low income person who is trying to scratch by for every nickel and dime that they can. Now if you are from a family of five and you get back what you spent in food tax credit, that would be \$125.00. Now by simple mathematics 125 divided by 12 is about a little over \$10.00 a month. Now \$10.00 a month, even though it isn't a great deal to me, \$10.00 a month can make a big difference to a low income family. It can be the difference between buying a couple loaves of bread, maybe a half a pound or a pound of hamburger, some things that are essential to the growth, welfare, development and nutrition of that family. Now how do you repay that family at the end of the year when they get their food tax credit back? How do you repay them for all the meals that they didn't have the proper nutrition? How do you repay them for all the things they had to go without during the year? You can't. Sure it is a terrific tax savings. Sure it is a tremendous benefit at the end of the year to get that \$125.00 but what about the twelve months during the year that they have to scrimp and save? I don't think the Legislature has looked at that issue but of course it doesn't affect us because we don't have that problem. We don't have to worry when we go to the grocery store whether or not we have to buy one pound of hamburger or none. We don't have to make that decision. We don't have to decide whether or not we can afford a loaf of bread or not because we can. We may not be overpaid, certainly by any stretch of the imagination. We are not overpaid a bit. We are desperately underpaid but I don't think anybody in this Legislature, even Senator Chambers, though he admits he is not a rich man by any stretch of the imagination. Nobody can place themselves in the shoes of those people who...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: ...who have to every month try and decide how they are going to make ends meet, how they are going to be able to take care of the family budget in terms of providing groceries to feed their kids, to feed themselves. So the \$125.00 that the great, great father by the State of Nebraska gives them back at the end of the year saying. look what we have done for you. That doesn't help then. What about the other twelve months of the year when they need it? I suggest that LB 16 is a proper response. I suggest that it is time that we stop taking this blood money and that is what I think it is, blood money, from