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fair and just. Now I do not detect in your presentation any concern about justice. You said the Governor might veto the bill. What did you mean by that when you said if we went too high? What did you mean by too high?

SENATOR MARESH: I don't know just what the Governor's intentions are on this but I am fearful that if we increase it over \$23 it might cause the bill to be vetoed and then the people of the State of Nebraska would be out entirely because....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you feel that \$23 is an adequate amount to return to the people what they pay in taxes on food?

SENATOR MARESH: That is the way I understand it. That was argued this morning that the amount of groceries bought at the grocery store that this is...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I am not asking.....

SENATOR MARESH: I am not talking about Omaha or Lincoln.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Maresh, let's take it a step at a time. I am not asking about what they said this morning. This is your bill so I am asking you. Do you believe that it is an adequate amount?

SENATOR MARESH: Outstate it is. You have different problems...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I am asking you, we are talking about a statewide situation. Not where you draft a bill to favor the people where you come from. We are talking about the whole state. Now does \$23 return to the whole state the amount that is paid in taxes on food?

SENATOR MARESH: I suppose if you figure Omaha, Lincoln, Bellevue and North Platte it might not be enough.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if you suppose that, I suppose your answer is no.

SENATOR MARESH: Well, for the state as a whole, probably it might be not adequate but I think for the average might be enough but not for those cities, that is my answer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me ask you something else. Do you know what the term justice means, Senator Maresh?