

cumstances saying bring all these children here. Don't show the concern for these children after they get here. If a tax results in their being hungry, so what, let everybody pay some tax even if the children are hungry. It it means that they don't have food or the older people don't have food, so what. This vote, Senator Newell, this morning I think has probably been doomed to failure as the votes in the past but the fact that the odds are against us on trying to place this moral action which would be right, I still think we have the obligation to fight it as hard as if we thought there were a real chance of touching some chords of human compassion and ordinarily hard legislative hearts. If we could for once make people think that there is a possibility that they themselves might be in a position where they don't have enough money to purchase the food they need, if we could accomplish that then I think we would have performed a miracle. It is at times like these that I wished a certain individual whose initials are J. C., and that doesn't stand for Jimmy Carter, could come back and walk on the water and say feed my sheep or come through a wall like that of the legislative chamber as he did when his disciples were together and say, here, Thomas, you stick your fingers in my side and see that I am really here and they ate on that occasion too. Then take a few loaves and fish and feed the poor who have nothing. We are not being asked to make something out of nothing. We are being asked not to take the little that people have and some people have nothing and we are going to take even that nothing from them. I think it is immoral to tax food and that is not a philosophical position. It is a principled position to the same extent, only worse in its consequences that grain producers are asking that the President forego a foreign policy decision that he made in imposing an embargo asking him to remove or retract that decision in order that the grain makers will have a larger amount of profit. Why can't we see that we ought to take the tax off food so that these poor people can eat? Why can't we have morals that are consistent, not morals that come into play only when the person whose interests are concerned might make upwards of \$50,000 a year? I think that we ought to...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...pass Senator Newell's bill and it is not the kind of thing that will have total support of everybody. There are defects in it which I think ought to be corrected but I know they will not be. I hope we won't do like Marie Antoinette did and say, they are crying for bread, the poor people, we will let them eat cake. We ought to take these things seriously and sometimes, Senator Nichol, we