

have and I think I can share that concern with most of you is that the administrative costs of the agency continue to grow perhaps at a more rapid rate than does the actual benefit to the individual who needs the assistance. I think that we have noticed this morning in this morning's paper for example, where because of the problems that are associated with the disposition of funds for assistance in heating the homes of the people who need help, some families or at least one family might have received as many as seven checks this year. Obviously there is a very serious flaw in a program which can send seven checks to one home where only one was deserving. I am also concerned about the many people who do perhaps deserve help and are too proud to ask for it and as Senator Kahle has pointed out there are people who are working and many of our state, county and local jobs whose income is substantially below that which many of us consider to be satisfactory or even above the poverty level. So, Senator Johnson, I am going to join with Senator Kremer and I will vote to advance the bill predicated upon your agreement that we will try to make a meaningful contribution towards solving some of the issues which you have discussed and which you have raised here and if we fail to do that, then I would not vote for the final result.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Johnson. You will wait to close, all right. Senator Newell. All right, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I am trying to stay out of this debate but some things have been said here this morning and since I apparently am the only one who understands that there are a lot of people who are not working, not because they don't want to work but because they are discriminated against and when their complexion is seen they are turned away, it is necessary for me to intrude myself. The unemployment rate in Nebraska is based primarily on the unemployment rate among black people in the City of Omaha. The same conservatives who will sanctimoniously stand on this floor and say people are not working because they don't want to work will hear some of us try to get stronger antidiscrimination laws passed so that the employer can not turn people away because of their race and those same conservatives will say, uh, uh, we don't want those laws. You are interfering with the employer. You want it both ways. You want us to be prohibited from working because of our race. Then you want to stand up and say, I am not working because I don't want to work. It is sickening. I wish some of you all could be put in the same position that a lot of people I'm familiar with are in but I know you couldn't take it because you can't even