

take strong debate on the floor of the Legislature. Senator Schmit usually is on the money with some of his arguments but I have got to ask him a question. Senator Schmit, and if you doubt the factualness of what I am saying I will get the articles to back it up, there is a program under which some farmers get disaster loans at 3%. They deposit them in long term accounts, certificates of deposit. Since they only have to pay 3% on the loan and they get considerably more than that as interest on that deposit and they make money on this loan, would you be in favor because of that abuse of abolishing the whole program?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Chambers, I am in favor of abolishing any abuse of any program but as I have pointed out to you many times, I do not believe in penalizing those people who are not guilty of the misuse of the loan.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now that is what I needed to have you emphasize. Thank you, because I don't know if they heard that part of what you said. Senator Schmit stated that he is not opposed to everything in these welfare programs and I am going to show you what some of the hypocrites who probably are like members in this Legislature had happen to them. They had degrees and they had titles after their name and when the so-called recession came they lost jobs. Professors lost jobs. Middle management people lost jobs and they had to seek food stamps and you know what welfare departments did and I think even Douglas County, they said these people were embarrassed by the degrading procedures laid down for receiving these food stamps and they would have a separate system for supplying these people with food stamps but do you know why it was degrading? Because when they were secure, they were the ones who made acceptance of help when you needed it almost like a crime. In a lot of little towns out east where only white people live now so we are not talking about race at all now in this example. They boasted about the work ethic. They hated welfare. They would never stoop to take welfare. Then they lost their jobs and do you know where they are? Fighting at the Welfare Office to get assistance because there is a difference when your belly is full to bursting and when it is empty and some of you cannot understand what pain means unless you suffer it yourself or your own children suffer it. Can't you have any understanding at all? And if some of you would show some understanding I wouldn't have to talk to you like this but as long as I am in this Legislature I am going to do it. I don't like what you say and you don't like what I say but I will bet you if we