

abuse. Denying adequate nutrition is child abuse. I am concerned about the old people being abused but not concerned about them being cheated out of the refund that they ought to get. These are bitter issues that we are dealing with and they draw bitterness out of people but our bitterness should be directed toward the cause of the problem, not those who try to correct it. This Legislature, this Legislature is the body that promised to return to the people a refund for what they pay on food in taxes. Now this Legislature is upset and embarrassed because it was tricked and held up to public ridicule and scorn as a result of following the Governor. So why don't we stop here and regroup. The fact that the Legislature was in error has been pointed out graphically by the Governor's action so just put him out of the picture entirely, and if you can, forget the fact that I am the one who am offering this amendment. View it on its merits and give to the people what we promised to give. There are people who would be upset if I got up here and talked about the way America violated treaties with the native Americans, but why should they be angry because the same spirit is abroad in the land today but with a vengeance, because it is not directed just against the native Americans or just against the black people or the other ones who have been victimized by this system, but it is directed against your own kind now and I can't understand that. I know how I feel when my kind are mistreated. I know how I feel when others who are classed as underdogs are mistreated because I can relate to them but I cannot understand a group doing it to their own, and if they will do it to their own, that makes it clear what they will do to others. So I hope that you will consider all of the aspects of equity that are involved in this but the most important thing is that the Legislature made a promise and I hope the Legislature does not violate it. This amount of money that my amendment asks to be returned to the public will still allow the state to make an ungodly windfall as a result of what they collected in taxes on food. This is a case, as I have had to say in the past,....

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of Robin Hood being reversed in role and becoming Hood Robin because instead of robbing the rich to give to the poor the poor are being unconscionably robbed by those whose responsibility it is and who made the promise to look out for their best interest.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, do you wish to speak to the