

making a semipromise. There are a lot of people and a lot of interests in this state who have been fed a diet of broken promises for a long time and they are suffering from a type of psychological and spiritual malnutrition. If we are to be the physicians to heal the wounded in this state, we have to come forth with medicine because the ailments, Senator Vard Johnson, are not just psychosomatic which can be talked away by putting people in a better frame of mind. We have a situation, I think, where the small farmer, the medium sized farmer, they are both things of the past. They are in holding actions now. They are through and I know it is difficult for them to accept that because with their passing there will pass from the Nebraska scene a way of life and that way of life is passing throughout this country. While I am trying to do something all in my power here as a member of the Legislature to ease the shock of people losing a way of life that has been with them for generations, I cannot tell what would be a lie if I told it and say you can be salvaged. They cannot. Aristotle in talking about the way people who are sick ought to be treated indicated that even if somebody has a terminal ailment, the treatment may not save the life of the individual but it can ease the suffering as much as possible. So I think we are dealing with some aspects of agriculture which are in a terminal stage and all we can do as they do with cancer patients is try to relieve the pain. A miracle may happen in some instances where one who was deemed to be at the brink of death will survive, but that one or those few will be the exceptions, not the rule. There are people on farms who are working two or three jobs trying to make it, so there is no way they can survive. The farm community is like a group of drug addicts. Bankers, lenders and other financiers have been their suppliers and they have lured them into this addiction and now that they are well hooked they are telling them, you can't get any more dope unless you pay me. The way a pusher will work is if you have got some money or have access to it, you can get the dope and you can even get it on credit if there is a likelihood you will pay, but when you have been drained and you can't get any money, then they cut you off and you can cry to him all you want to, you can shake, you can rattle, you can roll, you can have tears coming down your face and say, I need this stuff, you got me on it and without it I can't survive. He says, give me the money. And the addict says, but I have given you money for years. And he says, I have given you value for the money and if you don't have it,