

Depression, that whenever my poor mother needed help she didn't go to our rich relatives but she went to those that were poor, like us, and that is where we found help. I'm proud to say that I represent the 9th Legislative District in Omaha, that I represent a great deal of blue collar workers, young couples struggling to hang on, and I'm proud to say that the majority of them would be more than willing to give a crust of bread to someone to keep them from starving, and with the salaries today of middle income, \$20 would be about that.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So, based upon that, where I was originally opposed before, after this campaign and speaking to more and more of the people in my district, I am extremely proud to say that I will vote for the resolution for \$20.5 million. I'm sorry that I have to ask my colleagues to consider the morality of this issue and to vote against my good friend Senator Hannibal's amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, then Senator Landis.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, two English commoners, in one of Shakespeare's plays, were plotting a revolution once and they said that the first thing that should be done is to kill all the lawyers. I think what they meant by that was that lawyers are often successful in elevating legal technicalities to the point that justice remains undone. We, here in this Legislature, are not a court of law. A court of law cannot always do justice. The reason for that is quite simple. If the Legislature says that the law is such and such, the courts have to apply the law. They cannot question whether the law is right or wrong, or whether the law really shouldn't be applicable to a particular situation before them. Their job is to apply the law and, believe me, once in awhile they do injustices. But that is not our job. Our job is to do justice. We are the Legislature of the state. Legal technicalities should not be important to us. Fairness should be important to us. Let me explain what I mean by that in this particular case. Let me, first of all, tell you what the history of this body has been in terms of legal technicalities. We have not played the lawyer. We have not played the lawyer. Year, after year, after year, by the