

and the others were given bonuses from one to four or five million dollars. Who do you think paid for those bonuses that they got? It wasn't good salesmanship that increased the sales or the profits. It was because labor said, yes, we are willing to cooperate, we are willing to work with you, and look at the thanks they got. Did you see a decrease in the cost of your automobile? No. But the Presidents of those multibillion dollar corporations received millions of dollars in bonuses and you can read that yourself in the newspapers, Business Week magazine, Wall Street Journal. Now I am saying it is time that we consider that labor has done everything they could. They cut down, and when they cut down, they cut down on many of the essentials. They didn't give up their country club because they never had a country club that they could afford. But the big Presidents of the corporations celebrated their big bonuses, bonuses that were taken from the working man who said we will be fair, we will help business when it is in trouble. I have to repeat in different words what someone else has already said, Nebraska ranks first of 50 states in denying unemployment compensation claims and we are four times the national average in disqualifying people. So it doesn't seem like we are abundantly generous. And, Senator Chambers, you made a serious mistake in your speech when you referred to Christianity because Christianity says you fed me when I was hungry and I don't think it is the feeling of this Legislature to take care of the poor and the homeless. I think Christianity is something that some people wear on their sleeve when they are campaigning for office. They talk about God and faith and church and they talk about the Sermon on the Mount. I was naked and you clothed me. I was hungry and you fed me. Don't appeal to that because when we are in the Legislature we aren't Christians.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We aren't Jews. We aren't Moslems. We are just people here that are representing whatever interest we think we should. I am here to represent the people in the 9th Legislative District, and if the economy picks up good, and the next time they come in and they want to raise unemployment compensation, I am going to vote against it as I have in the past. But when I see business after business across the state closing, and more and more people in need, and the cost of living going higher, I have to say that