

this kind. You know children don't have very much political clout when it comes to appropriations. They're not able to protect their interests nearly as well as some of the rest of us. I would hope that the body would reject the Chambers amendment to the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, please, then Senator Haberman, then Senator Higgins.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, there are numerous occasions when a person tries to get a copy of a birth certificate. We were just talking about some of them over here, and Senator Labeledz may have some more concrete information, but if children are going to participate in various athletic events, wrestling, track or whatever, football, they often want a birth certificate to show that the child is no older than the parents allege. So in each one of those cases where a birth certificate has to be obtained, the family which is concerned for their children want them to participate in activities that people say are worthwhile are going to have to foot the bill for those who are supposedly abusive. I think if the program cannot get enough legislative support to pass and be given a general fund appropriation, Nebraska is not ready for anything like this. You're talking about accomplishing a social good while committing an injustice on certain categories of citizens. That is not fair. In a sense you can say it is tax abuse to fight what is alleged to be child abuse. And I know that these special groups want jobs. They want bureaucracy. They want to be able to have an identification as a group. So what they are telling the Legislature to do is put a burden on certain selected groups who will not be in the Legislature to speak out against what is being done to them. When you try to tax liquor those people have lobbyists and they can speak for themselves. If you try to tax tobacco as I tried to do one year, tobacco products other than cigarettes, and before people knew what had happened, the Legislature adopted the amendment. You would tax chewing tobacco, snuff and everything else. The lobbyists got busy and came in here and pushed the Legislature into rejecting that amendment that they had adopted on its merits the day before. So what did this canny, cunning, scheming group do? Behind the banner of fighting child abuse we're going to get those conservatives to select a group without a voice and put a hidden tax on them and they'll never know about it so we