

do what a fair legislator is supposed to do. Then we come to a bill like this where we are talking about a pittance. And the Legislature shows what it really is made of which is, as Abraham Lincoln said one time, pretty poor stuff, pretty poor stuff. But, after all, what are we dealing with today? Not those who are going to invite you to a lobby room and give you liquor and food over the noon hour that you don't have to pay for. Not those who are going to come into your district and put his or her arm around your shoulder and tell the people what a great guy you are when you are running for office. These are people who, through no fault of their own, are injured while working. And the Legislature does not care. Senator Schmit is saying rather than give just \$210 make it \$225, which is not adequate and we know it. Nebraska is notoriously stingy when it comes to looking out for the interest of the citizens who cannot help themselves or who need help. I'll bet you could get enough votes in this Legislature, even though it would violate the ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court as to the meaning of the U.S. Constitution, which would totally abolish the right of a woman to get an abortion.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why would that vote come? People would pretend it's principle. Some people do have a principle, but a lot of others who have demonstrated by other votes principle is not in it at all say, well, we've got to be concerned about these fetuses because they are human beings too. So the interest exists until the fetus becomes a full-fledged human being, enters the world, tries to be a productive, law-abiding citizen in this society, suffers an injury, then all that yapping about the other goes out the window when we have to put up. I don't know what can be said to a Legislature, such as this one, or a legislature in another state than Nebraska which may have the same attitude as this one, but I notice how all of us are falling over ourselves to help the farmer. There are fewer farmers than urban people. They were not hurting physically. They were not suffering an injury. They were not handicapped. They were not prevented from doing their job. We all supported the notion of running off to Washington, even I did though I thought it was a waste of time, as it proved to be, but we gave them a chance. We put the cards in their hand that they said they wanted, so they could play at the table.