

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, have to oppose Senator Chambers' amendment. I agree with Senator DeCamp, we asked for a package and if all of us start cutting, we all have our favorite programs, I have some that I will probably be back in on. When I was home over the weekend, of all of the calls that I received on Arts Council, Pharmacy, whatever, Curtis, Nebraska, and so on, all of them were for "don't cut me". I'll tell you the other calls that I received was on this very item, ADC and aid to the unborn and the calls for that was, "cut the program, it has been abused." I didn't realize this until some of the social workers and the staff told me it is possible under this program for a young girl to become pregnant and still with the WIC payments, I didn't even realize what WIC payments were until this time, that is supplemental food and with the energy and the rent and the medical care and the payments she is able to receive more monthly than the social worker. I could hardly believe that and that was the basis of the calls that I was getting. These particular social workers were seeing where this was an abused program. I know many, many cases it is not, and that is the trouble with all of our legislation or that we do have to decide and it is unfortunate where the deserving are cut back for the undeserving in each and every program. I have one that I am very much going to work for and that is the displaced homemaker for that is \$186,000. Those people are asking to be retrained and helped. They are people that through maybe divorce or broken marriage or widowed or so on, they are just asking for guidance and help and counselling to find a job and get out and get to work. That is the opposite, I think that we are speaking of in this particular program and I, too, as Senator DeCamp said, we asked for a package and lets try to hold it together the best we can. This is nearly a million dollars that we are talking about.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins, do you wish to speak on this amendment? Senator Warner is next.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you Mr. President. Is Senator Beutler in the Chamber? I wanted to ask him a question.

PRESIDENT: Is Senator Beutler around to answer questions?

SENATOR HIGGINS: If not, while waiting for him, I would