

that, if I'm going to be in the game at all, I have to play by those rules. As I have said on other occasions, if we're sitting down to play cards and the only rule is that there are no rules and you can cheat any kind of way that you're able to, then by saying everything is legal, you have eliminated the possibility of cheating. So if I sit there and I'm going to try to play the game by traditional rules when everybody else feels that no rules are enforced, I'm not a gambler, I'm a fool. So, we've taken away the atmosphere of deliberate legislating and we've gone into favoritism. As with so many other propositions that have come before this body, Lincoln is to be taken care of. We take care of our own. Our own consists of those individuals and those principles that we identify the most with. People in this legislative body who live in Lincoln identify very closely with things pertaining to Lincoln and the welfare of Lincolniters. The things that I identify with are those that befall people who are weak, vulnerable, voiceless, disadvantaged, set upon, abused and mistreated. So I'm trying to look out for "my own" in the same way that Senator Beutler and other Lincolniters, to some extent, varying degrees, depending on the issue, look out for their own. But my own are located, not just in the 11th District of Omaha, not just in the City of Omaha, but wherever they may exist in this state and because of that I think we ought to restore this process and procedure which apparently the Legislature intends to follow to a status with a degree of parity for everybody. That means we'll drop some of the letters and call it par. We put everybody at the same level. We all start out at the same place. Even though some may be stronger, inherently, faster or have more resources, but let's not give those who may have advantages when it comes to natural endowments an additional artificial head start as is being done under the Beutler amendment as it exists now. So what I am hoping you will do is take this one program, #526, which is found within Agency 26 and restore that program, or the program is #524, restore it to the same footing as every other program in Agency 26. This should be right up the line or right down the line of those who have no sympathy with social justice, with social conscience. For those who want to be macho and hard, this is a good amendment to adopt. When it comes to these kind of matters, Senator Hefner, I have to struggle to be macho. I have to struggle to be hard because when it comes to these types of individuals in programs, I am a patsy. I am a cream puff. But sometimes we have to try very hard and