

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, this morning we voted on this. It was one of the first things that came up. I voted not to pull that program out of the package. I have decided to reconsider that. I would urge you to listen to Senator Marsh. I would turn over the remainder of my time to her. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, members of the Legislature. It has been a long day for all of us. But this is a mechanism for our state to invest some dollars and to receive returns worth more than the dollars invested. It is very short visioned to cut dollars out which return in kind to the state in payment of state taxes more dollars than the program costs.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator. The call of the house is raised.

SENATOR MARSH: We have a moderate amount of dollars going into a program which raises resources for the State of Nebraska. Who benefits? We all do. The State of Nebraska benefits; the individuals who gain self-esteem from having a job and being a producer instead of a consumer of government services. This is your option. This is your opportunity to reconsider on this vote. It was taken before we really were all awake this morning. It was taken and I feel that it is very important that you seriously reconsider your vote. We were close on this issue. We were close and we could be winners this afternoon. We don't have many winners in any column for our work today so far, only on one issue. Let's all be winners and reconsider the vote on the Displaced Homemaker, a program which makes dollars for the State of Nebraska as well as returning self-esteem to the Displaced Homemakers. I urge your support of this motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins and then Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Marsh, would you yield to a question, please. Could you tell me...

SENATOR MARSH: I would be glad to.