

can deal with. We can do something with LB 999 that will give a measure of relief. So if we will not do that which is available to do, we should at least tell the truth to people and say that the intent of the Legislature is to do nothing on the farm problem, that we are convinced as a Legislature that those who currently are on the land ought not be there, that there are larger interests which are capable of amassing huge holdings, and as a result of the large scale on which they operate can make a profit out of farming. It can, indeed, be a business and it just happens that the growing of food, fiber, or animals is the stuff by which they make their money just like the miners dig out coal, gold, diamonds, or whatever. But there is going to be a leftover element, and that will be the people. Sometimes I look at what is happening to the farmers and I think about what happened to black people and Indians in this country, and the temptation used to be very strong for me to say you are getting what you deserve. You brought black people over here in chains, and you stole the land from the Indians so now there is a retribution in operation of the universe, and what went around is now coming around. You stole the land from the Indians. Now your own kind in three piece suits are stealing that land back from you. You stole my ancestors from Africa and dragged us over here in chains. Now you are being placed in economic chains and turned into the sharecroppers that we used to be, and take delight in it, but I am not able to do that, and maybe that, as a side issue, is why black people will never get our freedom in this country because due to the way we have hurt we look at other people hurting and try to reach a hand out to alleviate their pain if we can, knowing while we are doing it that if that hand is strengthened, it may be turned against us again. But I have to say again that my obligation as a member of this Legislature, a public official who is supposed to be concerned about the welfare of the citizenry at large, compels me when the opportunity presents itself to help people to extend that help that we are able to extend. Senator Lynch has in mind a group of people who he feels need help, too, and it is commendable that he wants the Legislature to undertake to help these groups but this is not the bill with which to do that. This is not the time this late in the session to try to do it because there are evil forces in the rotunda, and sitting at their little boxes listening with their pointy little ears...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Half a minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...pushing their horns down into their head so nobody will know their true identity, hoping this bill will