

to 70 migrant families were in that area, averaging 7 families...or excuse me, 7 children per family last year. Many were thrust upon the local churches and social agencies, arriving with no food, money, or any place to stay. And there is a growing concern about this...the drain of the local resources caused by the migrants, as well as the concern that we are now really becoming increasingly aware of for their living conditions, which are very deplorable. Last year aid was available in the area from the Nebraska Association of Farm Workers, an agency funded by the Department of Labor. But these funds have been cut back, so responsibility for migrants who need help will now fall on communities. I held one meeting in my area with a large number of social agency representatives. Out of that came a lot of concerns. There are many tales that were told, just to give you an example we have what is known as two kinds of contractors, one is called a gypsy contractor. This person just recruits by word of mouth, and the workers that come here are told that they are going to be paid \$100. He or she, whoever this contractor is, contracts the work from a farmer for \$1,400. Then if the workers are paid, the contractor just deducts that, what is paid to the worker, and keeps the rest. No taxes are paid. He's not registered, so there is no posting of workers rights. And these people don't know what their rights are. Often these people are not even paid. They have...the places that they stay in, a house as high as, at one point, six families, no furniture, no utilities. And they've been known to climb over the walls at night, of the swimming pool, the fence around swimming pools in the area in order to take their baths. So these are examples of the kinds of problems that we are seeing surface, and I don't know how grave the problems are in the remainder of the state as we go toward the west, but I'm sure that we have those same kinds of problems out there in growing numbers. They advertise, the registered contractor is the one that advertises in Texas newspapers. And their ads are placed in the San Antonio Newspaper for Recruits, applications for housing was mailed to Texas. This is an example of an article that I received from the social worker in Hastings, \$400 rent per apartment was due on January 1. These apartments did not have appliances, furniture or utilities. Work was not to start until July 15, and there were only 78 jobs open. They had...then what happened was an influx of workers, and in fact in Clay Center Social Services alone signed up 108 individuals in one week for services to be provided to them. People are living in cars, in empty buildings. Those kinds of conditions are becoming more and more prevalent. So this problem is becoming significant enough that I have to put