

agriculture. Then you want to say that the state ought not take the lead in providing or targeting, to use that word, information and help to a group that is in desperate need of this help. Who better than the state should do it? The state is supposed to be a collection of all of the people. Individually we give up certain rights and privileges so that there can be the common good looked after and the common good takes priority over the individual good. So if a reporter writes something that I don't like, I don't go knock him in the head with a stick. We have set up a courtroom where I try to establish that what he or she wrote went beyond what is protected by the First Amendment. I was damaged, therefore, money makes up for the harm done to me and I don't get that personal satisfaction of cracking a skull. In the same way, we ought to try to broaden the way we look at everything. Not talk about education only when we are dealing with aid to public schools or to the University or whatever, but talk about education in terms of the knowledge that people need to make it through this world and become better people and that occurs not in little compartments when we are talking only about the University or the high schools or the elementary schools but in every aspect of life where a person is trying to gain new information and understanding. We have people who, if they had known something about economics, would have realized that land values could not continue to escalate. There had to come a point where that artificial inflation was going to go out the window, and like a balloon, it would shrivel up and come back to what it originally ought to have been. Farmers were not given that information. Bankers knew. So the bankers are not hurting that much, not the big ones. Some of the little ones who tried to bail these farmers out went under with the farmers. But the ones who wanted that land instead of the money are in a position now to grab that land. They were able to put farmers in a position to borrow more than they could ever pay back because farmers did not understand money matters, and now they are in a position of spending a nickel to make three cents, and they are mocked and they are scoffed at...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and they are laughed at. Now that the whole community of Nebraska should be aware of the problem that exists in agriculture, if there is any interest really in trying to do anything to alleviate the problem which