

that those poems that I sent around the other day that my Dad wrote back in the '30s are really going to be the exact way it is going to turn out to be now in the '80s. Because basically that is what happened during the depths of the depression, the government forgot the fact that they had no moral obligation to help those folks who were standing in soup lines or help those folks who simply didn't have any finances to help themselves at all. I totally disagree with that. Now let me say something about what is going on within this body and we all know it. Part of the concern is that there may be an ability of some people to beat some other people over the head about the issue that we've already dealt with in here that had the same connotations. We had no legal obligation, but there were those that argue we had a moral obligation and I might as well be blunt about it and I'm talking about the Commonwealth situation. Some people don't want that to happen. We made that decision. I think it would be terrible of us to ignore the fact that what we've got presented to us now might hurt a little bit. It might hurt a little bit because some of us like to make the other argument before. That's what happens in politics. That's what happens in politics. You've got to be careful. If you intend to be consistent, sometimes it hurts and I'm not willing to allow us to, in an attitude of not wanting to hurt a little bit politically, to allow the wrong message to be sent to the federal government. If you want to tell the federal government they have no legal or moral obligation to help us, then all of the efforts that Senator Johnson, Senator Schmit, myself and a number of others, Senator Miller, Senator Eret, Senator Rogers, Senator Nelson and I'm not going to name everybody because there is a lot of people involved...

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SENATOR VICKERS: ...in trying to get a regional organization to help this situation, we might as well forget it. We might as well forget it if we're only going to base what we're trying to do on a strictly legal obligation because there is none and we all know it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Senator Harris.