

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Debate is ceased. Senator Chambers, would you like to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I think there was a line from Shakespeare that said something to the effect, Thou damnest with feint praise. If the only justification you can give for a whole Legislature officially thanking a person is on the principle of turn the other cheek because this person did something that would have been hurtful to the economy of the state and do unto others and that is where I think it ended, with the suggestion that the person hasn't really done anything to merit thanks, but out of the goodness of your heart you are going to forget the activities that may have worked against the interests of the state and thanked him anyway. Thank you for slapping me. That is why you turn the other cheek because somebody has slapped one of them. So he has slapped you and you say, I am going to turn the other cheek, thank you for slapping me. He wanted to take HNG Internorth out of Omaha, Senator Wesely said. Now that is one of the things that I didn't tell you. Senator Wesely wants to praise Internorth for thank...for staying but he wants to thank the guy who is trying to get them to leave. Senator Wesely said he is that kind of guy. He said that Nebraskans are the kind of people who care about and understand others. I think about those budget cuts to the Mexican-American Commission, to the Indian Commission, to the Womens' Commission, cuts in ADC programs, cuts to the mentally retarded and I think what Senator Wesely said is absolutely true. This Legislature does care about certain people. If they are high paid corporate executives, the Legislature cares and says, thank you. Senator Morehead said our thanks shouldn't be based on how much a person makes and I agree with her. But I have never seen a resolution to thank those nameless women who are left with children and no help and they manage somehow to rear those children without them becoming a charge to the state in the form of going to the penitentiary or reform school. They are poor and they might go to school in tattered clothes and run-over shoes, but they are clean. They try to learn. They are trying to be good citizens and when has the Legislature offered a resolution thanking these people? Never. We cut the assistance that the state would offer. So maybe I am