

they saved a bundle of money. I am waiting to find out what the contract agreement is with the new company that is saving us money, because I waited for three days for them to get the dead bug off the floor in my office, and I let it sit there for three days. So, I told my aide, call them up and tell them that this money they are saving is fine, but I just want to know what the contract reads. I know they don't dust the offices. They sure as the devil aren't vacuuming them because I never had that problem when the retarded did it. How much money did we save when we eliminated those jobs for the mentally retarded who we'd already spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to train to be self-sufficient? Those people were making their own way. They were taxpayers. They were paying taxes. Where are they today? Well, DAS said they managed to find two or three of them jobs. But how long will they keep them when they may be working with people who will be making fun of them daily because of their slowness? Did we really save money? We poured the money into training them, and we kept saying let's make them self-sufficient, and then the state sets the example, if you are going to save money first you get rid of the retarded. Well, we saved money and we've got sloppy service now. We could save a lot more money, I guess, if we just say everybody in the State Capitol Building, and all state office buildings, will clean their own offices. I'm for that. I'm for that because my aides have done it ever since I've been here. In fact, I have to chide them some times for getting up there. My administrative aide and her husband came in, one weekend, and scrubbed the windows in my office. I hadn't even asked them to. But they were so dirty you couldn't see outside of them. And I did not request it. Is that the bottom line, where to save money?

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: How about cutting economic development for big business? How about letting people getting out, that are capable of taking care of themselves, those entrepreneurs that want to start new businesses, why don't they raise their own money? I did it when I started my own businesses, all three of them, even the first one that I failed in. But I have a mind, and I am capable of thinking things out. Save your money and we can be like publicans that went into the temple and collected money while the beggars sat out on the steps begging for food and what have you. I think it would be a terrible thing for this state to say we are taking the mentally retarded and sweeping them under the carpet. They are expendable, we can cut them this special session, and we can do it to them again until