

systematically knocked down by the courts as being unconstitutional, and it makes nobody any difference because they are making a point. Let's say that I am as irreligious as people indicate, and you all are as godly as you indicate when you come in here every morning for the prayers. I wonder how, if there is somebody who will weigh us on a scale when it is all over, will determine which of us has the more merit, those who in dealing on a theoretical basis and arguing about when a fetus becomes a human being but have no concern for those who are in the world and need the help and assistance of the religious people who pray every morning in the Legislature, or that ungodly reprobate, doomed and damned forever who says he does not know for sure at what point an individual becomes a human being in the womb, but knows that when he or she is out here walking, even if it is with a stumbling, shuffling gait, or attempting to talk, even if there are guttural sounds that we cannot recognize as words, will nevertheless recognize that person as being entitled to human decency and concern for a society. But I'm not the one making the judgment. All I can do is stand here as one out of 49, among people who pray constantly, and then say those who need the help, those whom their god and their Jesus told them to love needs that help and they turn their back. The retarded need bread and the Legislature gives them stones.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This is really instructive, but not surprising. The surprising thing, to me, although I'm not surprised now, was that Governor Kerrey would make the suggestion that these cuts occur in the first place, because he is the man who does all that talk about compassion by government. Who could be more harmless, who could be more helpless? Who in here numbers among their personal friend anybody who is retarded? Who in here allows their children or their grandchildren to number among their playmates little children who are retarded? There was a time when some guy needed help from Jesus, and his disciples said, who sinned, this man or his father, or his parents, that he was born thus? And Jesus said, neither one, this man came into the world thus so that you could see the power of god at work. And that is what I would like to see at work here this afternoon. But I'm not going to see it because you all know, as you say I know, that there is no god.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck, would you like to close on your