

I understand that, but how in the world could that amount of money in a budget that size close down supposedly half of the State of Nebraska, or I just...have you verified or checked those figures? I know, I think Senator Chambers asked you this morning but I just cannot visualize that a \$210,000 cut wipes out 49 jobs and a couple of homes, and if so, our Social Service budget should be 1/10th of what it is today. I can't somehow or another get it through my leather head that I am hearing or thinking right. Then I have another question.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Warner, will you respond, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Nelson, in the past, the amount of the appropriations, Social Services, is for the programs, you know, not personnel, and the administrative cost is a relatively small dollar amount. The cut is all in the administrative side, and for one reason is you couldn't cut on their aid side without either changing a statute or you automatically create a deficit.

SENATOR NELSON: I understand that and I think that a lot of offices, probably the very same thing that we are accused of down here maybe at this level, when an outsider walks in and maybe doesn't know the true picture, and maybe that is my case, but I have visited a few of these offices and I think a 10 or 20 percent reduction would be business as usual. Too, if I can come up, and I am not free to tell you the exact figures right now, but I have a problem that I have been working with through social services for funding of an energy project, that I may be able to show you where there is a \$200,000 waste that is given away in a double payment, and I will share that with Senator Warner right now, and I don't have the exact figures on that, too. But I just can't conceive that that much of a cut would be that many employees that would be necessary.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, thank you. Senator DeCamp, please, on the Chambers...okay. Senator Warner, please, you are next.

SENATOR WARNER: I just pushed it on to answer the question. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay. Senator Chambers, you are on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I really appreciate Senator DeCamp not calling the question because I don't think there are enough senators here to give us a fair vote on this issue, and there are some points that