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State of Nebraska. But I don't know if he could get the Democratic Convention to accept him because I understand these are not the things they generally go for. Now on the other hand, my good friend, Senator Conway, a dyed-in-the-wool hat "Repelican", is being true to his code. They believe in gouging the poor and they just tell you. There was a guy named Hiacowan (phonetic)...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...from California who died not too long ago, and when he was talking about raising the price of gasoline to over \$2 a gallon, and it was argued that this could hurt the poor, he said the poor don't have any business driving cars anyway. That's the attitude of this bill. It is like when we give time to people who commit crimes. The big shots who commit the big crimes don't get much time because the poor people serve it for them. You have nothing on your hands but time so we will give you a lot of it. A guy like Milliken, we don't give him much. This is one of the worst bills that has come before us, but I say again, at least it is honest and straightforward in letting you know that it is a gouge, and that the target of the gouging is the poor.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I also rise to oppose this bill, amendment, or the entire package. Senator Chambers, I am also a Democrat, although I represent mostly Republican Party. And I kind of liked your comment where you said the poor don't have any business...somebody had said the poor don't have any business driving cars anyway. I have always felt that the slogan of the Republican Party was rich people don't have enough and the poor people have too much money. So, therefore, this is a bill to gouge the poor. And, Senator Schellpeper, it is really strange that this would come up today. I was doing my correspondence and I got a letter from a rural constituent just today, and I was trying to find some way to answer her unhappiness with our passing LB 1063 and LR 219CA. And she said, after three pages, she said I had planned on making this letter brief, but after reading there is a bill to raise the fee for taxing older model cars, I have to add my total disgust with this new plan, too. Why do you think we drive older cars? Do you think we want to? Our car is ten