

speaking for them and vote for them. The amount of good that we can do for this relatively piddling amount of money, I think should tip the balance toward our voting in favor of this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Senator Chambers, before a person takes too much pride in a write-in campaign, I would share with you that a number of years ago, in the Gilead voting precinct, in Thayer County, Nebraska, they had the 1986 community improvement project was to get old George out of the community and into the Legislature, and it was one of the few voting precincts in the State of Nebraska that did not pass the term limits, because they don't want me back, you see. So we can look at things in all ways that we might want to. Having said that, though, I recall several years ago making an effort, a successful effort on the floor of the Legislature to add \$2.3 million back into the budget for people with developmental disabilities, because I firmly believe that that is one of the more important roles, maybe not the most important but certainly one of the more important roles of government. But I would suggest at this point in time where we are now that if the rest of you are as committed to helping those that can't help themselves, as I am, that we take a look at 541. You know I would love to restore \$400,000 per year to this program, which is even more than what...what Senator Wesely is trying to do. But if we're committed to help those who are disadvantaged, who cannot take care of themselves through no fault of their own, let's go to 541 and let's take some money from the Legislative Council, if we're committed. Let's take some money from the Governor's budget, if he's committed. Let's take some money from the constitutional offices, if they're committed. Let's take some money from the Supreme Court, if they're committed, and let's do it. But let's not add it on, which is Senator Wesely and I disagree a little bit in semantics, I think. But essentially it's added on to 541. A good cause, a just cause, a rightful cause. I disagree with...no, I'm not supporting it. I am still going to oppose it this morning. But I think that the better process would be for all of us, rather than to give lip service, to reduce our employment by one or two staff persons in each of these and fund for those that are at our mercy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.