

and try to do the same thing. What they fail to realize is that many federal programs that are discussed that one house or the other will enact may wind up failing a final passage because these conference committees either won't pass anything or they dilute it so much that it's not what it appeared to be or a delay will intervene so that the public outcry can cool to some extent. That is not likely to happen on the local level and the state level because too few people take the time to understand the nature of the issues with which we deal. They fail to grasp the significance of the damage that legislation of this kind will cause to people who are affected by it and they certainly are not going to be in a position to receive the kinds of calls for help and the complaints that my office regularly receives because either of bad legislation, inappropriate rules and regulations drafted, supposedly for the purpose of implementing it, or the negative and unfair attitudes of those individuals whose job it is to see that these provisions are carried out. I never...well, let me say I rarely support legislation that gives people power over the lives of others. We are talking about people in this instance...

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SENATOR DIERKS: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...whose only offense, if they've committed one, is to be born or to have fallen into circumstances which make it necessary for them to seek assistance from others. There is so much talk about the generosity of America, the generosity of Nebraskans, and I've heard other people in this very Legislature, on issues other than this one, talk about the need for us to help those who cannot help themselves. I spoke very strongly in favor of and supported Senator Byars' bill to help the disabled. A lot of disabilities exist in the society which people must confront. They are not all physical, they are not all mental, but they are equally debilitating, demoralizing and devastating to the families finding themselves confronted by those disabilities. The irony...

SENATOR DIERKS: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, you said time is up?

SENATOR DIERKS: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. The next speaker is Senator Crosby, followed by Senator Rasmussen and