

SENATOR PROUD: Now Senator Kelly, the bill doesn't say any such thing. Under this as I read it and I want Senator Carpenter or anybody point out where I am wrong, because I am trying to find out what this thing does. If the federal government decides that any working mother for example, is entitled to day care services and puts up 75% of the money the state has to match it with 25%. I don't find anything in this bill and not one word that has anything to do with need for deprived children or anything else and I want somebody here to point out to me where it is. Can anybody point out to me where this bill has anything to do with need?

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, do you care to respond?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Obviously Senator Proud has been around here a long while and he...

SENATOR PROUD: Too long.

SENATOR CARPENTER: That is true for both of us, but we are going to eliminate that problem, both of us, and I hope they miss you as much as they or that I hope they miss me. But you have been around here long enough to know that nobody can spend state money until this body authorizes it. Now if the federal government wants to give all of the money that they have which I am in favor without matching the state, then obviously the welfare department can spend it without the aid of state funds. Now obviously we can not in this bill set forth the standards of aid, that is what we have the welfare department for, and that is what we have the administration and the Governor who has the prime responsibility to supervise it for you. We allow them to determine need on every other basis so why not on this basis. They are the ones that are going to determine the needs, but there is no way in the world in which this body can spend more than than the million dollars which is in the budget. Unless this body by a majority vote authorizes the additional expenditure of money it is just that simple. You can't read into the bill something that doesn't exist. The department is going to determine the need in every case as it now does in every other welfare category. You may not agree with their interpretation of need but that is not their business. That is what we have the administration for to administer these laws and whether they do a good or bad job I don't know.

SPEAKER: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Proud I'm sure that you would be of the opinion that federal congress or the health education and welfare department are not in a position to appropriate Nebraska money.

SENATOR PROUD: I would point this out to you Senator Kelly, this first sentence once more. The Department of Public Welfare shall, it doesn't say may, the Department of Public Welfare and that is the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare, shall make provisions for state wide child care services whenever state expenditures may be matched with at least 75% federal funds. Now as I say I haven't made up my own mind, how I'm going to vote on this, but I think that we should know exactly what we are doing.