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SENATOR KEYES: Well I believe I see that the clock says ten after four. I think the Legislature has talked quite a bit today and worked pretty hard. You try to get me up every morning at 5:30 so I can make it down here by 9:30. I believe it's time we ought to adjourn and talk about this bill in the morning after the local people have had time to get to us. Maybe we'll understand just a little bit more about what the local input is.

Senator Burbach, would you object to just waiting and starting in on this first thing in the morning? I believe there's quite a few of the Senators here.

SENATOR BURBACH: This is the reason we're trying to move so we can get the bills off of General File, unless they're bracketed beyond Friday. I'm really desperately and seriously attempting to get the General File, unless they're bracketed for a date certain, cleared so that when the new influx of bills come to us we're in position to talk and work with those.

I would like to resolve this issue this afternoon. I have a motion for adjournment which I want to use very shortly. I do want to talk about another matter before we adjourn also. I would hope we could continue on with the discussion and settle it one way or the other.

SENATOR KEYES: Personally, I would like to discontinue ... disengage this one and go ahead with your other one.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I rise in support of Senator Burbach's bill. I think it's a good bill. I think it recognizes the fact that the counties have no responsibility in the area of welfare, except to pay a part of the bill. The state and the federal government have mandated what the counties shall do. I don't believe it's the responsibility of the property owner to further subsidize the wishes or vagaries of either the state or federal government.

I've stood on this floor and I've added some to the cost of the welfare proposals. I don't apologize for that. I think it was done properly. I think it was done correctly. I think that the state should assume the responsibility. I think the federal government is going to continue to dictate to the states what those responsibilities shall be. I think it's an abdication of our responsibility if we refuse to take over that share of the counties load which is rightfully ours.

I believe that we should advance the bill and advance it as Senator Burbach has proposed.

CLERK: On behalf of the Chair, Senator Burbach, would you like to close.