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counties are not initiating new programs, we are doing it and the federal government is doing it and the counties are attempting to defend themselves against these new programs that we keep hearing that the people are clamoring for. I don't hear any clamoring for new programs in my area, and I think that when we initiate new programs such as the court reform bill a few years ago that was supposed to lower the cost to the counties. What did it do? It almost doubled the next year in my county. I'm not arguing whether it was a good bill or not, but what I am saying is what we do here increases the cost of government to the county and not at their request, and not at the request of the people. We should face the payment of these bills under welfare, because we are authorize through as they come down through the federal government to us and then to the counties and the counties have no say as to what the payments under welfare will be or any of these federal programs. But, we authorize them through us, to the county. We are just avoiding our obligation and our responsibility to the counties I feel if we don't go along with 202. Frankly, I am opposed to Senator Warners bill because it is just a way to circumvent the counties as we should face our responsibilities to the county. I recommend that we support LB202 because we have forced this on to the counties and the counties haven't done it themselves. It is our responsibility and we ought to pay for it, and we ought to pay for it out of state money and let the counties do with their money and handle it as they see fit. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature I support the Warner amendment. I think that it is about time we start looking at how much money goes from the state level down to the local. We should be going the other way instead of going higher. Thank heavens in my estimation the county boards are administrative and not legislative, we would be in a lot worse trouble than we are now if they were making laws. I think that we are the ones that are getting all of the flack for the raising of the budgets. We raise taxes, state budget is much higher, not just because of inflation but because of the demands from the local governmental subdivisions. They want to have us bail them out. Thank heavens in the State of New York the City of New York was not completely bailed out by the state because then we would have a higher division of government that would be bankrupt and then the federal government and I don't know where we are going to go to bail out the federal government. We had better start and go the other way and start putting the fiscal responsibility at the base of the local governmental subdivision and then work up the line and try to get back to something that is sensible and not be trying to pass off a share of our taxation problems to other subdivision or divisions of government.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I still don't think that we can do something by statutes that the Constitution of the State of Nebraska gives the counties the right to do. For heavens sake, lets don't pass a statute and then require some county to take a case