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LB 532, 522
LR 79, 96

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Absolutely.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, I'd like to switch my pitch to Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Kahle, and members of the Legislature. What looks like a \$93,000 cut is, in fact, \$187,000 because this is the fund that supplies the matching dollars for federal funds. So it is not a \$93,000 cut, it is a \$187,000 cut since the \$93,000 is matching fund dollars for federal dollars which come to the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR KAHLE: Thank you Senator Marsh. This is the point that I was trying to get at. I wasn't sure of how these funds were divided. I have worked with this program for many years now, and I know there is a split every time you turn around. The counties have to put in 20 percent, the state puts in a certain amount, and the federal puts in a certain amount. I don't know just where you're going to take this money out.

PRESIDENT: You have one minute, Senator.

SENATOR KAHLE: Thank you. How we're going to take this money out of this budget. I think this is a very finely balanced thing that we have here. I don't believe that you can swipe funds, I still call that the word for it, from one agency and put them in another just at random and not considering what you're doing. I believe you've been out on a witch hunt, Senator Lewis, trying to find these dollars. It pretty near proves that if you have another amendment I'll believe it for sure. Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee Enrollment and Review reports we have examined and reviewed LB 522 and find the same correctly enrolled, LR 79 correctly enrolled and ready for your signature.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business I propose to sign and do hereby sign LB 522 and LR 79. Senator Cullan.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 96 will be read into the Journal and laid over.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I wonder if Senator Lewis would yield for a question or two. Thank you very much Senator Lewis. I wonder, again I see a cut here and I'm not exactly sure what, specifically, we're trying to cut. There are \$3 million, and this is used just for the administration of a welfare program?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes, in relationship to the county.

SENATOR CULLAN: So all these people do are handle papers from Washington, and send this money on through, is that what you're saying?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well you know it's an 80-20 match, I believe, match funds between the county and the state. What they do is the qualifying, the paperwork necessary to shift that money back and forth, carry out the administration.

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