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votes yesterday on the bill that we were talking about. I can't give a speech like that but I have been involved with county government since about eleven years ago and I have worked with the Welfare Department and the welfare service in my own county all those years, meeting once every month as a Welfare Board so I think probably I understand the plight of counties as well as anybody in this body. If I don't, I didn't learn very much in those years but the county has very little to say about what goes on in welfare and one of the things that Senator Murphy mentioned about spending so much money and controlling it, I just found out yesterday that the programs that we have in Nebraska under the welfare program are determined by the State of Nebraska and that the states around us do not provide all the services that Nebraska provides. I believe we are fourth in the nation for services that we provide under the welfare program. I think it is something like twenty-three different services. I am guessing at this as I can't remember the exact figures whereby I believe Colorado or one of the adjoining states only provides four of these services. So perhaps we aren't looking in the right place to cut expenses if we want to. But I feel this is a legitimate bill. It should not be paid by the counties. I would like to read you just a little bit of a statement that I prepared some time ago. The county has absolutely nothing to say about the operation of the welfare office. They do have the right to hire the people but the State of Nebraska, the Welfare Department, pays their wages and it also has the pay steps that must be followed by the counties. In some cases they even pay the counties for the space where the welfare office is located especially if it happens to be in the courthouse. This would certainly lead me to believe that the state should be paying the entire amount for the cost of medical vendor payments. I don't know why it was set up that the county should pay 20% in the first place. The states around us all have various ways of handling this situation most of which have very little county money coming into the picture which I just mentioned. None of the surrounding states have. These citizens that are taken care of with medical vendor payments are a cross section of the humanity that live in this state. It would seem to me a much fairer way to fund this program would be through the federal funds that come in and state funds which would generally be sales and income tax. I really don't know why real estate tax or property tax which is a source of revenue for the counties should be picking up the tab for all citizens that need help. In LB 138