

get by with getting out from a 7% lid, don't then, try and make the State of Nebraska pick up all these costs and stay within 7%. 138 gives counties room by taking away some of their costs to pick up services because of inflation and in so doing it takes that and makes it a state obligation and with a 7% lid on the state it limits the room we have.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Time is up. Senator Kahle, then Senator DeCamp and then Senator Lewis. Unless the Chair is overruled we are going to keep going until we get some decisions on this bill. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: I am certainly tempted to call for the question but I would like to make a couple of more points. Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I can't understand exactly Senator Warner's statements because I'm sure he is protecting the State of Nebraska's image and I admire him for that and I also think that Senator Fowler's comments have been very true but I guess there just isn't any pennies from heaven out in the counties either and I don't see how we can force upon the counties a program which they have nothing to do with, no control of, no control of the cost. I have a feeling that the state does have some control of the cost of welfare if they want to. I think they could change the program. The counties have absolutely none and you talk about 7% and talk about the amount of money, the 2½% that we are going to take off or the 2½ percentage points we are going to take off in 138. The cost of that program is going to go up 20%. You are not going to relieve the county of taxes directly, dollar for dollar, like Senator Lewis wanted to do in the other amendment because there is just not going to be any money going back. There is just going to be less coming in so I hope you will defeat this amendment and let's move the bill on. Hopefully if there is some problems with it we can get it straightened out on Select File. That is a good old statement that all the politicians say, so, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I would like to outline for you what I think we are doing to ourselves and take off from where Senator Warner stopped and Senator Fowler stopped. You have just been told that if the bill passes this will break the state budget now and in the future. In other words, you will exceed the 7%. That is number one. Number two, by passing this bill you will probably be able to keep the counties within their 7% even though they are the ones, they are the ones who are exceeding it or needing this