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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, Senator Goodrich has covered pretty much what I also would state, but I think there is a misconception that by some way or other some miraculous miracle that if we don't pick up part of this at the state level that the problem is going to go away and that we'll fix the counties so they can pick that part up and the state will look nice and clean and perhaps the Governor won't have to make a tough decision and everything will be great. The only problem is the cost is going to be there and I think Senator Goodrich brought this up. The county has absolutely nothing to do with determining that cost. As I mentioned in my talk the other day, last year at the same time we were talking about a seven percent lid here in the Legislature the Department of Welfare had sent out requests to the counties for a seventeen percent increase in their budget for welfare. Now the state of Nebraska, I understand now and I didn't know this before really, has the discretion of what programs that they want to provide for under the welfare system. Right now the state of Nebraska is providing more than is generally the case around us. We have some twenty-three, twenty-six programs that we're subscribing to and that we provide. I think if you want to cut down on the welfare costs, the place to do it is here in the state. The county absolutely is helpless. I also want to bring out the compromise situation. We had asked for a full reprieve from paying this cost at the county level. What we're going to do now, we're going to cut the dog's tail off a little bit and then two years from now we're going to cut it off a little further. At least the way we have it set now we're only going to cut half of it off, but I still feel that this is a great injustice to the counties when they have nothing to say about it. The state demands that you pay a certain bill each month. They send you the bill. You pay it, or else. Let's not let the state of Nebraska off the hook at the expense of the counties. The state of Nebraska could do something about it, but the counties cannot. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, do you wish to speak to the Hoagland amendment?

SENATOR MURPHY: Well, Senator Hoagland, I would remind you of this very same process that the state started with personal property tax. We were going to relieve a portion of it...twelve and a half percent for five years. Guess