

now through this bill, then the rural areas will have the vehicle and will be able to use their fair share of the funds. That is really what the argument is all about and that is where the need is. I urge that this bill be advanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope. We have five more who want to speak. Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, and members, to follow up with what Senator Lamb just said, I would like to ask a question of Senator Maresh. Now I agree with Senator Lamb but are we going to...this \$250,000, that is going to be in addition as I see it, general funds, instead of using some of our fifty percent of this assistance fund that has been available for a number of years. What about that?

SENATOR MARESH: I think we are still going to use federal funds only this will make the rural systems to be able to get organized because the subdivisions of government, the counties and the cities, hesitate to get into the program. They don't want the red tape. So they turn these people down. This will allow the cities and counties to (interruption).

SENATOR COPE: I understand but what I want to know is, \$250,000 general funds in the book, am I correct on the fiscal impact?

SENATOR MARESH: I think that is no more than Senator Warner indicated. All we want is just to maintain what Lincoln and Omaha get now and be able to come up with enough money, whatever we project for the rural areas, that is all I am asking for.

SENATOR COPE: In other words, you are asking that this amount of money, \$250,000, be taken from the urban areas....

SENATOR MARESH: No, no. I don't want to take any money from Lincoln and Omaha. I just want to make sure we have appropriated enough to (interruption) we need it.

SENATOR COPE: We are going to have to have \$250,000 extra dollars?

SENATOR MARESH: That is correct.

SENATOR COPE: Then it is that much in addition. We are really not getting any where near our share of that fifty percent which originally we were entitled to?

SENATOR MARESH: It was about ninety percent was used in Lincoln