

parts is to form a budget for the counties. We do not know from one month to the next whether it will be 5000 a month or 12,000 a month. I guess that is about all I have to say on the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, just briefly without going over any of the points that have been made before, I think those of us who have been County Commissioners, namely, Kahle, Von Minden and me, understand the problem when you have this sort of thing mandated by the Legislature without putting the money where the mandate is. And I wholeheartedly support Senator Kahle's bill because with the lid complicating the problems of money that the County Commissioners must face, I really think this is a fair thing to do and an honorable thing for this Legislature to do to be assuming that responsibility financially since we mandated it in the first place. Mr. Chairman, I neglected Senator Haberman and I offer him my sincerest apologies for overlooking him.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vard Johnson, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker. Barbara Tuchman, who is a popular historian, who wrote The Proud Tower, which is about free world war Europe, free World War I Europe; who wrote The Distant Mirror which is about 14th Century Europe; who wrote The Guns of August also about the beginning of the First World War, recently stated that she continues to be amazed at how well humans do so many things, organize their economics, how well they prepare their arts, how well they struggle with intellectual endeavors, and in the end how poorly they govern. And one of the things that you and I are seeing today in our country is how poorly we govern. We have made government so confusing to people, it is very difficult for voters to know who is and who is not responsible for what. Now LB 39, in my opinion, is one of our more important bills because LB 39 continues to improve the quality of our government. It is wrong in this state for us to have a state supervised welfare program which is county administered subject to state supervision, which at the same time is still beholden to the federal government under federal regulations for an overall welfare program. The people in Nebraska have a lot of difficulty with welfare administration and welfare programs. But who are they to look to for guidance in the area? County government? State government? Or the federal government?