

that all of us are aware that there are numerous federal funding changes that are going to occur yet this year, not before we adjourn, and the impression I have from agencies that have appeared to discuss the appropriation needs is an indication that we may well anticipate substantial requests for the pick-up of some of these federal funds, some of which probably will be unavoidable, many of which we will not have to do. But I think to incur this additional expenditure at this point, knowing that we are going to have substantial increases requested, at least, particularly in the area of welfare, that to move now will not provide the Legislature the opportunity of understanding and realizing the accumulative consequences of both actions, and I would urge that this bill not be advanced at this time, or during this session, until we have a better handle upon what the full picture is going to be for the funding of a whole host of programs within the area of welfare as well as a whole host of other agencies that we currently fund substantially with federal funds. So I would hope the body does not advance the bill this session.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I oppose, and it is difficult to say that because the easy way out would be to say, yes, I certainly understand the situation of the counties. But I oppose it for the simple reason that I don't want the counties out of the business. I know...keep saying that they have nothing to say about it. I think they do and I think they have an interest as long as they have an investment, and I don't want the investment to get down so low that they lose that interest. I guess I oppose it for the same...opposite reason that Senator Johnson supports it. I don't want it to be a state function wholly in any way. I know they don't have... the county doesn't have the ability to make decisions that I would hope they have, but they have some, and at this time plus the reason that Senator Warner gave that that 2.3 million is going to have to come out of some other programs that we may need desperately, is my reason for opposition.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, do you wish to close on the motion to advance the bill?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I think Senator Cope and Senator Warner both made the best speeches possible because the counties have the same problem only it is a little bit tougher, because they have the 7 percent right now they have to live with. I know that Senator