

the block grant. Now because of all of those reasons, notwithstanding the fact, and I know the argument on the other side will be have to get this off of property tax the counties can't handle the money any better than the state, they have a limit on their budget and I acknowledge and agree with everyone of those arguments. I was arguing for property tax relief in this body before one other soul that is here now was supporting it, except Senator Kremer was on my side, as I recall it. I won't mention where the other one was. But the point is, and my only reason is that it is poor fiscal management knowing the likelihood of significant adjustments that we are going to have to make, to at this session make a commitment in the kind of a dollar amount required under LB 39 knowing the probability of having to make significant adjustments next time. I think that flexibility has to remain for the Legislature, for the state to meet the commitment. I would hope that you would at a minimum not pass LB 39 this year so that we will retain some kind of flexibility. Let me suggest a couple of things the Appropriations Committee will be proposing to you in this years budget. You probably read in the morning paper that there was virtually no major capital construction and there isn't proposed. There are a number of reasons for that but one of the reasons is that we again are not....we are tying....or suggesting to you tying up a lesser amount of second and third year funding for capital construction than we have had for a great number of years. Again one of the factors involved in that is the realization that we may be making significant fund source adjustments and the legislature had better retain maximum flexibility to be able to do that. So I would urge that you do indefinitely postpone the bill, that no changes made this year, certainly these incremental increases for two and three years from now would be, in my opinion, very poor fiscal policy and I would hope that you would consider reintroducing such legislation next year as a total package that we will be faced with in all of these readjustments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members of course I oppose the motion by Senator Warner and largely on the same basis that he has just spoken. If we are going to have problems with the federal government the state is much more able to respond than those county governments out there who have no control whatever of this program. It would be absolutely devastating to them if they are going to have to pick up the difference. We have, I have figures from the last year,