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SENATOR KAHLE: In answer to Senator Schmit's question I have figures for the first year of the program which was at the 18% level. I'm not sure the new ones are in yet. But Butler County paid \$90,934 in their share of the medical vendor payment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is fine. That is the total cost then?

SENATOR KAHLE: That is the cost the county paid.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Okay, how much was the cost to Douglas County?

SENATOR KAHLE: In that same year it was \$6,013,217.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Ohhh.....repeat again.

SENATOR KAHLE: \$6,013,217.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Six million, two hundred thousand versus ninety thousand for Butler County, right?

SENATOR KAHLE: (inaudible)

SENATOR SCHMIT: How about Lancaster County? Lets have some figures on Lancaster County.

SENATOR KAHLE: Lancaster County paid \$1,438,367.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Versus \$90,000 for Butler County. Okay while we are on that, how about Sarpy County?

SENATOR KAHLE: Sarpy County paid \$302,980.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Versus \$90,000 for Butler County. Well Mr. President and members of the Legislature. You know again I want to say this. I have always said that this is the responsibility of the state. But I think that we ought to reinforce these figures here just a little bit in your mind because you know we often say on this floor but very seldom can one bill stand alone without being considered in context with other bills. So when we discuss such mundane bills as LB 284 and some of the rest of those bills and the proportionate amounts of money that go back to certain areas, I think that we ought to remember that in this instance if and when the total cost is borne by the state there will be over six million dollars that