

a good policy and philosophy. However, it won't occur on this bill I would venture to guess because I suspect that this two and a half million across the state will still be levied up to the seven percent permitted lid and used for some other purpose than what it currently is. I don't believe that you can find any property tax relief per se from this bill because the money will be raised for some other purpose other than what it is going for now. But my basic reason for opposition is the same all the way across, one is for the total cost, \$2,374,000, but more significantly, I am opposed to the enactment at this time because of the known federal changes that will probably take effect. It has already been pointed out that the counties pay sixteen percent of the total cost which is correct. But should the lid be put on Medicaid that has been discussed, should we have block grants in this whole area with twenty-five percent reduction, it is inevitable but what there will be significant adjustments to be made next session by the state for Medicaid as well as other welfare payments and I think it is ill-advised to pick up this additional cost at this point, but rather we should hold off until next year when the total review of this whole issue will be before us and I think we should not bind the Legislature or bind the state for this \$2.4 million, nearly \$2.4 million this year, another \$2.4 million next year, plus all of the increase that we probably will otherwise have. So I believe that this bill should not be enacted. I've felt that way from the beginning and I would trust that the veto would be sustained.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: The question.

SENATOR NICHOL: The question has been called and there is nobody else to talk so I guess we won't have to go through that. Thank you, Senator Barrett, anyway. Senator Kahle, would you like to close please?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I would like to have a Call of the House before I close.

SENATOR NICHOL: The question is, shall the House go under Call. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: Record, please.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 1 nay to go under Call, Mr. President.