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state. I really don't think there is any substantial discretion at the county level today. What we have today is the county paying part of the bill but the county not maintaining any significant control at any rate, but that system is maintaining an expensive means of delivering services because it requires a welfare office in every county, every county from Douglas County to Grant County where they have about 1,000 people. Well, I don't think we need that many welfare offices in the State of Nebraska. The State of Iowa had sixteen welfare offices and now they are moving to eight. It is to cut down significantly the cost of administering their program. The other point I would make is that when county boards take actions to deny benefits to individuals who they believe may or may not be eligible, they almost always lose, and the county litigates...if there is a lawyer available for the welfare recipient, they litigate it and they go to the State District Court and then they go to the Supreme Court and the county is thrown out and the county pays the bill for that litigation and then the county loses anyway because the county doesn't often recognize many of the standards that are required by the state and federal law. So the counties can't control the welfare system. They don't have any control and it is just not being realistic to assume that the counties can control welfare costs or have any significant control over the program because they just don't, and to perpetuate a system where we give them a role and they try to exercise it and they wind up in court and they lose and they needlessly spend their money in the courts fighting these cases is not...just doesn't make sense. So I think we need to move to a state administered system whether or not we actually take out that county burden...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR CULLAN: ...because it is more efficient, because it would provide for uniformity statewide, and because it is significant property tax relief. So I urge you to reject Senator Kahle's motion. There isn't any significant control there today. We have got to move away from a county administered welfare system.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers. On the Kahle amendment.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker, members, I wonder if Senator Kahle would respond to a question please.

SENATOR KAHLE: Certainly, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Kahle, as a former county com-