

amendment again, Mr. Speaker. Senator Kahle is just saying, he is saying what in many respects is very common sensical. He says, look, I want to make certain that the state pays all the freight. When the state pays all the freight, then the state can have full responsibility and control, and I am suggesting that given political realities it is better at this juncture for the state to take all the control and slowly over the next seven years bail the counties out. There is a certain inexorableness though about the bailing of the counties out. Incidentally, the relationship between the state and the county in terms of sharing costs over programs is not dissimilar in this case from other situations such as in special education where the state sets up basic standards and pays 90% of the cost but has all determinations regarding who gets special education/who doesn't get special education decided at a local level by school boards where they only pick up 10% of the cost. I have just had passed out on your desks a letter, memorandum dated November 9, 1981 from the Administrative Assistant to John Knight, the then Director of the Department of Public Welfare, to me and I want you to take a look at that very last table. The very last table shows that administrative costs per case per month in all of the states, these are the ADC cases, now look at the year 1978. 1978, the national mean for administrative cost per case was \$25.99. That is every ADC case in this nation cost public officials \$25.99, cost taxpayers \$25.99 per month to administer. Now go down and look at Nebraska. \$33.20 was the administrative cost for Nebraska cases. All right. Now look at Iowa, in 1973 Iowa went to a full state administered program, full state administered program and the Iowa Welfare Department divided the state into sixteen regions. Look at their administrative cost, \$21.15.

SENATOR CLARK: Are we still on the Kahle amendment?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes. Now, look at Kansas, \$23.22. All right. Now what does this say. It says there could be great savings through a state administration.

SENATOR CLARK: We are not on the Kahle amendment, Senator.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Now, Senator Clark, I know that your patience sometimes is short but I am coming to the Kahle amendment one more time. Senator Kahle would have us delay the state takeover until such time as the state fully funds all welfare costs. In my opinion, unless this body changes its attitude about the medicaid bailout, it will take us sometime to get to the point of where there is a full and absolute state takeover and I suggest that we can't wait,