

system and for all the benefit of the different programs that we have in the county that may not be classified as welfare, aid to the aging, the abused children, the whole raft of things that the welfare director helps with in our county that really they are not required to exactly. It is a job that they are given because they are the welfare director. We possibly can have a mobile welfare office of some kind that we can go around but it is awfully easy for you folks in Omaha and Lincoln to talk about having state control. You don't know what distances are. You don't have any idea how far it is in Senator Lamb's District for instance to get to the welfare office now, and if we have a regional office which is what could happen, we certainly are going to have a problem getting those people who need the service worst to get help, and Senator Higgins was saying how much trouble she had already, you haven't seen anything yet when you can't get to that welfare director or to that county board. And many is the time instead of having one person in charge of the welfare department, the welfare director or somebody from that office, you have every one of those county supervisors that has a chance to be heard and talked to and asked questions. So I think this is folly to try and take over this program over a period of years if we have no assurance that it is going to be funded and I don't trust the Legislature that much to think that they are going to guarantee funding for seven years in advance. So, therefore, I oppose this whole situation. I think we are much better off just where we are so I hope you vote against this amendment and then kill the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Von Minden.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I have been listening here the whole afternoon to Senator Johnson, Senator Culllan tell us how the state can run it much more efficiently than the counties. That is the same way as the federal government telling us they can run it much more efficiently than the states. I say to you we want to watch this very closely. This is some more local control getting away from us that the state will have. And you will say the state has no control right now. Our control we have in the state is hiring our welfare director. After the state takes it over completely, who is the welfare director or the state going to send to my county for my welfare director? They perhaps might send someone up there who thinks the more money I give away the more popular I am and the county board will have no control over him whatsoever. I say to you, Senator Johnson has put out here in this Transfer of Administration