

worth said. You remember what Senator Warner said the other day. He said, I'm not going to tell you I told you so, but I told you so. I think you are going to get a lot of flak from your constituents, from the people in your county who receive these services and they have to go for miles to get them or have a van come in once or twice a month to satisfy their programs right at the time when welfare programs are going to get larger instead of smaller. No matter what you say about the bringing it home to the people and about getting less involved in welfare programs, with the unemployment, with the increase in age we have in our elderly, we are getting older all of the time, this type of program is not going to get smaller, it is going to get larger. So, I think we are making a big mistake by rushing into this today and say well we are just going to take it over and we will take the authority away, what little they have, from the counties and many, many are the clients that I helped when I was in county work get on welfare programs. People that I thought needed it. We did shut off a few. There is just nothing like that local touch that people have with their county people to get the services they need. So, let's don't do this hastily. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Von Minden.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, it is not very often that I rise, but I want to ask you this time to listen to me please. This is very important for us to keep this for local control and that isn't the only reason. Senator Johnson, Senator Cullan have been telling you how much cheaper it will be done if they take it over. I ask you again, when federal government takes over control from Nebraska, is it done cheaper? I ask you again, when the state takes control over from a county is it done cheaper? Never is it done cheaper. It is going to cost you a whole lot more money. Senator Johnson said that we will centralize this thing more and we will do away with the 85 different centers we have so that will be cheaper. Let me tell you that of all these people you are trying to help, some of them don't have automobiles and some of them can't get to the place where they want to apply for help. How are they supposed to get there? I say it will be a lot higher price for those people who maybe have to drive a hundred or two hundred miles to get some place to apply for their assistance rather than go to each and every county where they probably can have a son or a daughter or a friend that takes them. How are they going to get there? I want to say one more thing to you and I'd like to have you listen to me. This morning I received a call from one of my ADC or welfare. . . a person who works in a welfare office in Ponca, Nebraska