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been an outcry from the counties that they can't tolerate this kind of system. . .

PRESIDENT: Time, Senator.

SENATOR JOHNSON: . . .it can be undone next year.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I'm looking for the A bill on 822 (sic). . . no wonder I can't find it. Senator Haberman seems to have it. I guess my big concern today is I don't know what we are doing. We have 816 up which is supposed to take a part of the seventy million dollars and wipe out the medical vendor payments. Perhaps I could ask Senator Carsten if that is not correct. Would you yield to a question, Senator Carsten.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten, will you respond?

SENATOR CARSTEN: That is my understanding, yes, sir.

SENATOR KAHLE: So how would you suggest that we handle an A bill on 822 (sic). 522, I'm. . .I don't know why I'm on the eight's today. Sorry. I'm thinking of 816, I know that is what is the matter.

SENATOR CARSTEN: I suspect as how we can not handle either one until we see which one goes first, if one goes. Then the A bill will have to be adjusted accordingly.

SENATOR KAHLE: One more question now. Would it be your view that if 816 passed in its present form and that money was appointed, assessed, attached to the county welfare part of Medicare, would that change the governing part of the county board's authority in any way? In your estimation? In 816 it says nothing about the control of the program. Is that correct?

SENATOR CARSTEN: That is correct.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, thank you Senator Carsten. I think you are beginning to see what I am driving at. We have two factions working here, not two factions, two different ideas of how we are going to fund that welfare program and how much control is going to be kept. What we are really talking about today is perhaps if we are going to have any local control at all or not. We are not really talking about the funding. I think Senator Johnson has it in his