

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is adopted. Now on the bill. Did you have anything further on the bill? Do you want to move the bill? Senator Johnson, did you want to move the bill? The question before the House is the advancement of LB 522A. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I had my light on, Mr. President. I'd like to ask Senator Johnson a question. Senator Johnson, you said it was a property tax relief bill and would you just very briefly explain to all of us, especially to me, how that is going to affect the property taxes in Butler County? How much relief are we going to get in Butler County? I want to help you, Senator Johnson, but I need to have some information and I don't want to vote any more blindly than I have been voting in the past.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, Senator Schmit, some time back I prepared a little chart how much money the folk in Butler County contributed for their Medicaid share. Now this was '79 and '80 but as that time the folk in Butler County contributed \$90,984.20. In addition they paid \$621 as their share of county administration of welfare. They also paid out \$3,664 in general assistance and they paid no emergency assistance. Now since that time Butler County got sued by a recipient for their failure to operate the general assistance program properly. They allowed a consent judgment to be taken against them in the U. S. District Court. Their attorney's fees is still an issue on that. This bill relieves Butler County of the lawsuit. It relieves Butler County of the Medicaid share. It relieves Butler County of the county administration share. It relieves Butler County of the general assistance share and...(interruption.)

SENATOR SCHMIT: How many dollars?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well...about \$100 thousand.

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SENATOR V. JOHNSON: About \$100 thousand dollars.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I'm sure that is going to cause a great sigh of relief back in Butler County and Polk County when they learn that the state for an expenditure something like \$25 million is relieving them of \$100 thousand expenditure and that lawsuit you spoke of is a thirty-two year old healthy male individual who I am sure would have no problem getting aid under the state program. Now without all of the extra fanfare, Senator Johnson, will you give me how much money will go back to Douglas County under this proposal?