

members of the Legislature, Senator Vrtiska, don't you get cold feet now. You were back there going along very well. Then all of a sudden it seemed like the wind went out of your balloon. I am going to try to buck you up again. Look what we are dealing with now. Let's take it a step at a time. The federal government has talked about reforming welfare, getting all these cheats off welfare. The only way you can do it is put them up against the wall, and that is being done by saying that after two years, no matter what else is considered, you're off. You're off. That's what the state is saying, and the federal government authorized the states specifically to say it. What Senator Hall's amendment is saying that since that is the national policy, since it is the state policy, it should trickle down to the counties and not require them to do that which the federal government refuses to do, that which the state refuses to do. Now the county is where the rubber meets the road. What is being done, if every program that the federal government cuts out, every program that the state government cuts out is going to be assumed at the county level, you and I both know that when you go to these county gatherings and you ask people what's the biggest thing on your mind, it is not welfare. It is property taxes. So Senator Hall's amendment is one of the first things that has come through the Legislature which offers genuine property tax relief in the county, without shifting the tax someplace else. What his amendment will do, when we have..we know that there are going to be some impoverished parents and children, children who will be sick, but not sick enough to die; old people because they are stubborn, bullheaded, and want to create a problem for other people, they won't die. So somebody still is going to have to deal with them. They will be shifted onto the state. The state is just getting rid of the responsibility to take care of these people through the ADC or the welfare program. They will still have an obligation to provide for these people who are about to die, if nothing else than to at least put a dying area in each community so that they can go there, and people will know where to go and pick them up and cart them off. I can think of a whole lot of old people, Senator Crosby, I shouldn't say this with you here, but you are here. I can think of a whole lot of old people, and some not so old that I wish would go to the dying field and just lay down and get on away from here. The world would be a lot better place. There are people who feel that way about me, but it will be a cold day on the Sahara Desert before I will lie down and die. I am going to dance on everybody's grave. That's what I am going to do. But this amendment, Senator Vrtiska, deals with