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emotion on this issue. They are fearful of the costs. That is not an unreasonable fear, but the truth of the matter is inasmuch as the State of Nebraska is picking up the counties' Medicaid responsibility to the tune of \$22 million, the least the state can get back in exchange for that is a uniform statewide standard for those poor people who are sick, who fall through the cracks, who won't be covered by Medicaid or Medicare or insurance and it is a uniform standard and the counties pick up the cost. I support the committee amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I understand we have an amendment to the committee amendment. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, first of all, Senator Kahle has an amendment to the committee amendments. Senator Kahle's amendment is on page 1318 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, Mr. President, this would do exactly what I talked about a bit ago. It would put the language back in the bill very similar to the way it was introduced and put back in what the committee took out. While I am up here, I would like to ask Senator Johnson perhaps a question about the medically indigent statutes that we have on our books, and if I am not incorrect and I am not an attorney, the responsibility rests strictly with the counties. Is that not correct?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: You are absolutely correct, Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: So with this in mind, I think that we need to give the counties the privilege and the...not privilege, the duty which really is to provide the services that are in our statutes and have always been there. This is not something new that has come about since we have all the government and social programs that we have today. What we are doing is going back to what the counties did many years ago. I can remember a county board member coming to take care of an indigent family in our neighborhood every month.