

on this floor other than myself and object to the amounts of money paid without control to the medical assistance end of the welfare program. When it comes time to deal with the part that relates to children, they have no powerful lobbies. They themselves are voiceless. They do not vote so whenever the welfare budget sky rockets because of overpayments in the medical assistance plan, then everybody says, "We have to watch \$6,000,000 going to feed children". Senator Keyes will stand and look like William Jennings Bryan and then sound like Ebenezer Scrooge when we are talking about little children but when we talk about acquiring land for one purpose or another or more aid for the Bellevue's schools, then he can be for any amount of money he feels is necessary. I do not think this bill ought to be killed. I do not think the Legislature ought to pick a vulnerable group like children to take out it's ire. If we decide that the Legislature is showing fiscal irresponsibility, there are other areas where attacks can be made, but we all know that if any portion of the budget that deals with the Department or any large special interest group, there are people who are going to come down out of that balcony up there and catch you out in the hall or wherever they get you, at the railroad room or wherever they feed you and put pressure on you and tell you you better leave them alone. Then everybody will say we've got the scapegoat. Let's go to the children's end of the program. Let's take it away from them, and let's talk about giveaway program. Let's talk about the government not being required to support people. Let's tell them they've got to go to work and take jobs and then people who will say that they don't want to sound like Patrick Henry will talk about compelling somebody to take a job to get assistance from the state when they need it, yet there are people with college degrees who don't have jobs. There are people with specialized training and skills who don't have jobs. So, how in the world are we going to sit in this Legislature and give the impression that we believe people are poor because they want to be poor. People are hungry because they want to be hungry. There are people in this Legislature who like myself are poised on the verge of poverty but there are people who will give jobs to us if we'll accept it and do certain things for them in the Legislature like introducing legislation. But we don't feel that we are receiving a handout. Let everybody who needs assistance be given that help in the form of a tailor-made job like Senators can get where they have no real duties and responsibility. Then, I say you can do away with welfare programs altogether. You all know about the oil depletion allowance. You know about price support to farmers. You know about every sector of this society getting handouts from the government. You talk about giving the air industry \$6,000,000 and they'd spit on you and tell you they don't want anything like that. You insult them with a small, petty amount like that. Talk about the amount of money that might be appropriated for a Field House and there is no grumbling but then talk about the money that is going to feed children in the richest country in the world, the richest country in the world, and you have people talking about, "I promise not to raise taxes for any purpose". What is our responsibility here? Do we represent people or do we represent special interest groups? Are we going to pick those who are defenseless and attack them? It doesn't take any courage from me if I'm a bully to jump on a coward. It doesn't take any strength for a man to jump on a woman, but to meet somebody head to head is where you determine who has the best of it. As for the Legislature to attack children is an unequal contest. I question Senator Goodrich's motives. I'll say it openly and frankly and he should be as straightforward with the Legislature in his presentation as I am with mine. When I present something to you, I tell you the whole story and you don't have to weasel it out of me, but when a man stands up and leaves the impression that if you kill