

Senator Kennedy a question if he's in the body. Mr. Chairman can Senator Marvel and I, if he'll yield, enter into a general discussion of what we're talking about?

SPEAKER: No, you cannot but you can ask him questions and he can ask you questions, is that fair?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I want to get your permission first.

SPEAKER: Go ahead.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Senator Marvel, will you yield?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, try to oversimplify this thing. What are we talking about? We're talking about, for example, the State now pass--pays about 60% of the ADC and that's all we're talking about is Aid to Dependent children, nothing else. Is that factually true that the State today and the County are now paying about 60%?

SENATOR MARVEL: That's my, yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And that Senator Schmit's bill would in general terms, raise it to 80% and Senator Chambers' bill would raise it to 100%?

SENATOR MARVEL: That's right.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now we're talking about, for example, today we're spending about \$24,000,000, now I'm talking in round terms, we're spending now about \$24,000,000 for the previous year which would end June 30th of this year. On the new budget that we're going to consider in some form, we're spending about the same amount. Now, if we're going to raise the State's share, which the majority of this body is going to determine, are you willing and do you know how much money you're going to have to spend? After all, somewhere along the line that should be relatively important. Up to the present time, are those statements factually correct, or basically?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, would this bill have a A bill?

SENATOR MARVEL: There are two A--yes, this bill, 185 and 235 both have A bills.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What is the A bill on Senator Chambers' bill?

SENATOR MARVEL: 185, rough, is about 3.6 or, I'm sorry, 6.3 million general fund, or roughly 6 million general fund and the total of \$15,000,000.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now how much, is that more than we have been paying in the current year?

SENATOR MARVEL: About \$6,000,000.

SENATOR CARPENTER: So this bill will cost a price tag of \$6,000,000 more than we have been paying and more than the projection by the Budget Committee, I presume and by the Chief Executive of this State. Now we have to leave ADC just for a brief moment to see what we're going to do in other areas. Let's take medical assistance programs. Do you people realize that today the medical assistance program is costing this State and the County about \$22,000,000 and with the Federal funds, we're spending about \$50,000,000 and that's an open end in which there is no limitation as to number or amounts because the Federal Government says to everyone who is in this category of general relief, pick your own doctor; go where you want to and the State