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where we probably should be taking care of our own more than what we have been in the past, some of these older people think we've lost the art of looking after our own people. I'd have to oppose the bill, as another avenue of taxation, permissive taxation.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Senator Kennedy if you'd yield to a question, in other words if I understood you correctly, you're trying here to make legal something that was already being done in your area and or other areas of the state and all other avenues having been tried and failed we try the last one, in other words we try to make it legal, is that in essence what we are trying to do here?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes, I'd say, maybe I didn't explain it, I thought it was such a simple bill that and I thought if there were questions they would be asked of me, I would like to say it is not and we do have some bills in our committee that are out of the health department. This here bill does represent private people, we could have bus loads of people in if so desired, the problem is in Genoa, Fullerton, Newman Grove, Lindsey, so forth and so on the small towns, I'm sure Senator Nore is acquainted with the problem, but we are already taking care of those problems locally, the local people that are elected are paying the nurse out of funds but legally they can not do this, it's that simple, and the services there for the children in particular and it's not a large thing but yet it is if somebody challenges in court and we were trying to make legal what is already being done and if there is any questions I'd like to be challenged on it because it is kind of my bill up to a point. I didn't know that Omaha was so interested because all we were doing was trying to do outstate what Omaha already has the privilege of and we are not taxing extra funds, we are just carrying through with what is already being done, and I would accept any questions with pleasure.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh, then Whitney, then Carpenter.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, I would like to point out that visiting nurses is one of the most economical ways to deliver good nursing service or good health delivery service, there is.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Kennedy a question?

PRESIDENT: Will you yield again Senator Kennedy?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes, certainly.

SENATOR WHITNEY: As I understand it there is one county in the state that already has the visiting nurse and they are leaving something to take care of it, and how would that affect that particular county, how would this bill affect that county?

SENATOR KENNEDY: I'm sure that it would not affect that county as far as what they are already doing, not a bit. It's giving those privileges to little villages, little towns, as in our community, the same privilege that is being done in Omaha and a large city.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well now would it be possible in that county Senator Kennedy for some saving in money in case they could hire