

\$2,500,000 which, which would take a little bit of the rock off of this problem. It's very important I think that we remember that these children are going to be paid for some way. You can either pay and help get the family off of welfare and you can't do this by reducing payments, you have to give them an incentive to keep their bills paid up to where they get a job that they can go ahead and get off and the will in the majority of the cases or you can cut them down and you can have the children sick and get them on medical assistance. Remember we're paying this unlimited, anytime they're sick they can just go to the doctor and the bills are going to be paid irregardless of how bad they are or we can let them grow up a little more and they don't have enough and they can go out and steal and then we can put them in the Penal Complex and then you can really pay for them there and that's going to be a continuation the rest of your life. I think the only issue that's here in this bill is whether you want to pay for these children and make them good citizens as young people or if you want to pay for them the rest of their lives.

PRESIDENT: Is Senator Marsh in the chambers? She asked to be recognized next. Senator Marsh. Senator Marsh then we have Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit will close out the--

SENATOR MARSH: I think it was Senator Kennedy who brought to the attention of this board that there was a possibility that the State would be penalized if they added any monies this year. This fund should be at 100%. Let's have the Federal help us raise it from 80 to 100 but let's at least make the step this year to put it at the bare 80%.

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I want to thank those people who have stood here today, supported my bill. I want to especially thank Senator Moylan. I think it's credible that he and I are a couple of farmers who will stand and vote on this bill together even though we frequently disagree but it is, it is especially pleasing to me to have Senator Moylan stand up and support this bill and I also want to call attention to what Senator Kennedy has said in regard to the Federal Government. We can wait and wait and wait upon the Federal Government but we are never going to know what the Federal Government is going to do in this program or any other program until they have done it. I believe very strongly that a large overgrown Federal Government is for little people. We should believe enough in our own convictions to support those programs statewide which are necessary. We should support them here at home so that we can keep an eye on them, so that we can correct those abuses which Senator Clark has pointed out many times and Senator Marvel has pointed out many times which we know exist. We should insist at every possible turn that the screws be tightened down upon those undeserving people of whom there are some, but it has been pointed out that there are undeserving people in all programs and that we find that the people who are on welfare are not alone in that area. I want to call attention to three articles that appeared in the World Herald last week: Getting by on a \$9,000 Budget--a family of four. They can't get by, they said. Well let me suggest that un--even under my bill, a family of four receives less than one third that amount of money and so I ask you how is this family supposed to get by? The family on a \$14,000 budget couldn't get by. A family on a \$26,000 budget couldn't get by. They spend \$45 a week, 10% or less of their weekly salary for food, but they're going on a meat buying strike. Now I ask the farmers in this body, how you rationalize that sort of thinking if a family on \$26,000 a year has to stop buying meat? You know the thing sort of snowballs on you after while. I'd suggest perhaps, in closing, my opposition