

department visited with our public health committee and explained the computerized recordings on all of these case histories and the method that they had set up, now is this an additional program or is this to further the program that they explained to us at that time.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I think that the computerized inspections and payouts that they were proceeding to implement at that time, would be in addition to this, they need individuals private or a...a...individual inspectors or evaluators once the computer has kicked out a problem or a potential problem to pursue and audit whatever that problem might be.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: You are saying then that this, that the bulk of this money will go for added personnel.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Right, I'm not just exactly sure how many people that they are talking about, I think that it is somewhere in the area of 15-20 people.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: This request was made to the appropriation committee and rejected by them?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: As I understand it that is correct.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the Cavanaugh amendment? Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Mr. President, we have got before you 8 or 9 different complicated budgets. It is much easier to try and criticize the budget than it is to defend it. I shall try it. It is a very complicated area. I'm not certain that the explanation this morning in this area as far as the state welfare's budget is concerned, is going to be adequate so that the legislature can make a decision. If it isn't I think that it would be helpful if we passed over this amendment. There is still plenty of time on Select File and I'm not trying to stull, I'm simply trying to understand what the criticism of the state welfare department is in this area. Now I'll tell you what I think it is and then we will go from there. I think it is a battle between the state welfare department and the local welfare departments as to who actually shall run the welfare department in this state. Now we have provided in the budget for a 20% increase in the general fund appropriation for local programs. Now what the welfare department says to me at least is that they want to provide this additional money that senator cavanaugh is talking about for regional staff. Now really they have people out in the area that are state staff members, who actually are not regional staff members because there is no decentralization of the program. They want to run the program from Lincoln, Nebraska our recommendations suggest that if you are going to set up regions that you set them up and provide local staff. Now I think that basically this is the difference and let me read what the explanation of this problem is as it is understood by the staff and as I understand it. The committee decision for the state administration program was to contain the state office, to welfare supervision and not providing services which is a local responsibility. While the state office is not allowed to expand to the agency desired level, the committee has increased a general fund for local programs by 20%. The question is basically what the welfare administration should expand original offices and provide selective services or whether the county services should be expanded up to