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SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, I concur in the Kahle amendments to the committee amendments. In essence what they provide is 2½% per year until we take up the total of 10%, ten percentage points rather. The counties are currently paying 20% of the cost of Medicaid. We are relieving the counties of half of that burden scattered or phased in over a period of four years. This is the most economical or the easiest way to accomplish that end and be as gentle as we can on the state budget. Consequently considering the fact that we have had discussions with the Governor's office, we have had discussions with the counties, the County Official's Association, with just about everybody we could get to listen to us and we came to a consensus that this would be the best way to handle this thing. It would be in concurrence with everybody. I would wholeheartedly endorse the Kahle amendment to the committee amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I have a question of either Senator Kahle or Senator Cullan.

PRESIDENT: Which one do you want to ask?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Oh, let's take Senator Kahle. He is bigger.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle, will you respond?

SENATOR KAHLE: Certainly.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Kahle, I just have one question. When you remove a local tax you have to replace it. How do you propose to replace the money that you are removing from the local tax?

SENATOR KAHLE: The money would come from the same fund that all the other welfare money is coming from now outside the 20% the counties are paying. It would be...come from the state general fund.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I