

pending for one year now and it has taken them one year to decide they don't like the bill. What they say is, they say oh my goodness the terms in here are so difficult and so complex that we will never be able to figure it out. Well the ironic thing is also included in your packet of material is the same kind of study done by Iowa, the Iowa General Assembly commissioned the Home Economics Department of the University of Iowa to do the study, paid them \$50,000 for it. I have included the study in the packet so you can get some sense as to what was happening in Iowa. The Welfare Department told me in the first instance when I introduced this bill that it was going to cost us a quarter of a million dollars just to figure out how much poor people needed. I disputed that amount. I said I can't believe that it is going to cost a quarter of a million dollars just to figure that out. It only cost Iowa \$50,000, well of course the Department of Public Welfare hasn't liked this concept. I'm going to tell you what the Department has done on a couple of other things incidentally. I went down to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst with this and I said the Welfare Department tells me that it is going to cost a quarter of a million, what do you think? The Fiscal Analyst says, oh man Johnson they are pulling your leg. It can't cost that. I'll tell you what though, I've got to give them some credibility, we will put it down at \$175,000. I said gee Jim that is still pretty high, well I don't know, we have got to give them some credibility we will put it down at that amount, it is an unknown. Well Iowa cost \$50,000. Let me tell you about the department. Every now and then you and I do kind of gripe about earning \$400 a month. We say we can't live on \$400 a month. We say that it is terrible for the people of this state to keep us at \$400 a month. Well let me tell you what the Welfare Department tells us about our \$400 a month. It tells you Senator DeCamp and you Senator Venditte and me that with that \$400 a month that supports one man, one woman and two children and still leaves \$30 a month left over. The Welfare Department says that is all that you need in the state is \$370 a month. That is all that you need to support one man, one woman and two children. What am I talking about? Food, shelter, clothing, transportation, laundry, medical, you name it. That is the standard of need for a four person family, \$370 per month. In the material that you have received today you will say where the Welfare Department says well in the end the standard of need is a political decision. They are the politicians making the decision. They make the decisions, ladies, gentlemen, fellow senators, we should make the decision. We are the legislative body, we should make that decision and we should say this is what a standard of need should look like. Now we are not experts. I frankly don't know how much it does take to support a poor person in this state. So I say here is what my standard of need should look like. I'm going to put food in it, I'm going to put clothing in, I'm going to put shelter in it, I'm going to put transportation in it and