

bill last week dealing with the nursing home industry. What I am asking for is a transfer of funds from the Department of Welfare which has over 12 million dollar budget and which quite honestly will not be missed at all to fund this particular study by the Department of Health. I think that this is a very small amount of money, especially in terms of the type of budget that we are talking about. It seems to be something that is definitely needed, and I would say, and I did check again with the Department of Health, the \$50,000 figure is a realistic one and a reasonable study could be done for that amount of money. So I would move for the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, do you wish to be recognized on the....Senator Kelly, do you wish to be recognized on the Simon amendment?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would, and what I need is a few questions of Senator Simon with your permission, Mr. Speaker. Senator Simon, you are removing money from program number 341 in the Department of Welfare. Is that correct?

SENATOR SIMON: That is correct.

SENATOR KELLY: What is program number 341?

SENATOR SIMON: I don't know, to be honest with you, Senator Kelly. I worked this out with the fiscal staff and all I know is that it's...they...I was told that this amount of money would not be missed and I can't tell you specifically. I would have to take a look at the budget to tell you what the specific area in the Department of Welfare it is.

SENATOR KELLY: But you don't know which disadvantaged people you are removing the \$50,000 from then, out of the Department of Welfare?

SENATOR SIMON: I will have that information for you by the time that I close. Let me just say this, Senator Kelly, nobody on this floor has fought any harder than I have in the four years I have been in the Legislature in terms of getting money or concerns for that particular department, and if I felt that taking \$50,000 out of that department was going to serve in any sort of negative way I would not do so. I did so after carefully consulting with the staff and it was their determination and mine that this money would not be missed and it could much more readily and beneficially be used by providing the funding for this study.