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the federal treasury, so we're bringing 57 percent of the cost of this program in from the federal government. Going on to the last point I would like to make and really emphasize to you, it is four years since these people have received an increase. We are not increasing the aid as far as Medicaid is concerned. We are not increasing the housing subsidies. We are not increasing any emergency subsidies, the food stamp program or anything else. All we are meeting here, all we are increasing is the actual cash needs of these families, and believe me to go from \$250 for a mother and one child to \$293, which is a \$43 increase, and that is the first increase they have received in four years, that is not going overboard. I would strongly urge that you not adopt the Warner amendment, but that we just leave the bill just exactly where it is right now and go on and pass it on Final. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, as a member of the Appropriations Committee, I have been part of the maffia that the Senator from Neligh talks about, and gladly have I been a part of the Appropriations Committee and remain so as I support LB 789 in opposition to my Chairman's amendment, based on the fact that the discretionary money on the floor is available also to the members of the Appropriations Committee and therefore I am able as an individual member of this body to fight for what I think is proper. With that in mind and with that understanding in supporting the Budget Committee's budget, I have done that in each and every vote that we have had and will continue to do so. But in 789 we are talking about A bills and we are talking about the discretionary money that is available on the floor and with that prerogative available to me, I wholeheartedly support Senator Chambers and Senator Goodrich...my what a combination... Senator Goodrich and Senator Chambers in raising the amounts of money that would be available to the children of dependent parents.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Reutzel. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: In the mind of the presiding officer, have we spoke long enough. Would my motion to cease debate be in order at this time?

SENATOR CLARK: I will have to confer with the Clerk here.

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