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programs that we have outstate and have them come home to roost in the regional centers is exactly what is going to happen, then you are going to pay for all of it at state level and it is going to be a much bigger bill than we have today. So I think we are being penny wise and pound foolish if we do not help these areas establish some sort of a system with the state and with the counties that is reasonable. With the counties seven percent lid, they are just not going to be able to fund them without help and you know that and I know that. So I guess it is a matter of what we want to do. If we could help these counties in these mental health areas stay in operation until we find out what the federalism program will do, we certainly would be helping ourselves. I am kind of surprised at Senator Johnson because he usually is in favor of all kinds of programs that help those less fortunate than we are and this is exactly what we are doing out in our counties, and the counties I think are trying very hard to maintain the mental health centers that we have and it is just going to be an impossible task unless we can give them some kind of help so the fees can be counted and that other money, donations, whatever it might be, fee money, can help them survive. So with that, I hope that we can see thirty green lights up there. I would ask the Speaker, well, go ahead and see what happens but I imagine we will have to have a Call of the House. With that I close and plead with you, you are not raising the taxes to the state with this bill. You are not exempting counties from paying what they are now paying. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle was closing on LB 635 which places on General File the bill notwithstanding the action of the committee. This requires 30 votes. All those in favor of Senator Kahle's motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Senator Kahle, there are three excused.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Chairman, rather than fool around here and wait, there are nineteen that haven't voted, I move for a Call of the House and a roll call vote. Let's get this settled and over with.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Shall the House go under Call is the motion? All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The House is under Call. All legislators please return to your seats, record your presence. Unauthorized personnel, please leave the floor. Senator Cope, will