

bad bill, in fact, it's a good bill but I almost think it is an unnecessary bill and it's been foisted off on me in this Legislature by either a fiscal analyst or in the alternative by the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee who insists some rules are some rules. I look at Rule 5 of the Legislature which says that when any bill proposes adoption of a new program or change of an existing program either of which would require an appropriation to implement in the ensuing fiscal year, an A bill has got to go along with it. Now 522 as you may recall is the welfare takeover program that takes effect July 1st, 1983, which is not the ensuing fiscal year. The ensuing fiscal year is the one starting July 1, 1982. Now we have another rule which says somewhere here that any A bill that is done has got to be done for two years. Okay, that's Rule 8, on the very tail end, the appropriation provided for in an A bill shall be for not less than two years. Well I'm a good sport. Even though I don't think this A bill is necessary, even though I think this A bill is contrary to our rules, if the fiscal analyst thrust it into my hot hands, I'll go file it and if the chairman of the Appropriations Committee says you've got to have it under Rule 8, I'll defer. I'll tell you what it does. It says we're going to appropriate dollars in 1983 for the transfer program. Now Senator Peterson keeps asking me how many dollars. I've got to go back and read it.

SENATOR LAMB: Time is wasting, Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: The dollars are, "there is hereby appropriated \$460,223 from the general fund in July 1, '83, to June 30, '84, and for the big takeover cost, the Medicaid relief, the emergency assistance relief, \$29,814,250 from the general fund for the period July 1, '83, to June 30, '84." So there it is. That's it, about \$30 million. Now I've been thinking about this. I know it is very difficult for this body to deal in \$30 million figures. Well we did it when the vets school came down the pike but you remember back in 1979 when we decided to add \$40 million to the state school aid? Senator Haberman, I think he was out in the hall, that's what I think, at the time. Well this is about the same thing. July 1st, '83, we take \$30 million in state money, we put it into our welfare program, we have a full and complete takeover of welfare. The counties will be relieved of the Medicaid burdens. The counties will be relieved of the emergency assistance burdens. The counties will be relieved of their unfunded liability for medical indigency burdens. The counties will be relieved of the county sheriff-county administration. We will have the state in the posture where it can effect a full statewide delivery system and there it is. That's the bill.