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SENATOR KENNEDY: In my particular committee, the Health and Welfare Committee, we are continuous passing bills out of a considerable amount of money. Sometimes one bill might be ten, eleven million; sometimes six, seven million, but a lot of value is being voted on and up to General File. I did discuss with Senator Richard Marvel and Speaker, Senator Burbach on this subject. I think it should be brought to our attention immediately because the Appropriations are working seriously on certain bills but they have no idea of how many individual bills are coming up on General File. Should these bills be held? We've talked about it every year since I've been here. I'm a businessman. I'd like to see, at least somewhere along the line, that these bills could be put together so we would have an idea how many millions of dollars we are thinking of passing, besides the regular appropriation bills.

PRESIDENT: Senator, would you now state your question to Senator Marvel . . . is it?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Is there a way, Senator Marvel or Senator Speaker Jules Burbach, that we might be able that all of the body should know how many bills, where they are, do they need to be bracketed together, do we need to have a special committee to solve this problem? I think it's very urgent that we do it the first part of the year as you would do in a business way. Is there a way, Senator Marvel I see you're rising there. I know you brought it up to your Appropriations Committee. I'm very serious in this request.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel could you respond.

SENATOR MARVEL: The first thing I want to say is that in a short time the fiscal staff is going to bring up, and we will send out to each one of you, the latest revenue projections that we have. I see that Senator Carsten and I got a letter from the executive branch stating that they had additional revenue projections. We're going to try to meet with the Tax Commissioner Wednesday. We will have, Senator Kennedy, within an hour, the present status of the revenue and expenditures. Maybe at that time you would like to address yourself to this. We have not been . . . the A bill situation is not successful. This does not solve the problem. As far as I'm concerned the purpose of A bills was to call attention to the bills as they went across the board as to the cost. Secondly, we have tried to bracket expenditures on General File. We've tried to bracket them on Select File. It doesn't solve any problems. If you get them all clustered together then you have a tendency one to vote for one bill and you vote for mine and I'll vote for yours. We also used to have what we called a "pink sheet". That pink sheet came out at least once a week and listed all the bills that have been introduced, the position of the bills as far as the Legislature was concerned, and approximate cost. We can do that again. In summary I'd say first of all we've got revenue projections to present to you before noon today. This will give you a picture of the situation that we're in at the moment without passing any bills that costs additional money. Maybe at that time we'll have a chance to discuss in more detail what you're doing. One of our