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SENATOR BARNETT: But there will be a deficit?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: No.

SENATOR BARNETT: If they spend money that we don't have, it will be a deficit?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: No, the explanation for that is that the majority of these occur at some other hospital where they pay now. That is why there is no justification for the \$194,000.

SENATOR BARNETT: Okay, thank you, Senator Cavanaugh. I would hope that somebody on the Appropriations Committee that is in this area could sort of assist us on this in making this decision because it seems to me we have either got to appropriate some money for it or we... has Goodrich got the answer. Do you have it or Senator Marvel or somebody? What? Okay. Not that I don't trust Senator Cavanaugh, it isn't that at all. I just think that if we don't have the money, we are going to have a deficit or something.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Your question is, what kind of money is available, right? Is that right, Wally. Oh, the total cost was estimated at \$194,000 the other day. Now what we have in the Crippled Children's division, there is on the bottom of page 28 on 691, white copy, and on the top of page 29, you will notice there is federal fund estimate \$432,000 that is a block grant type of federal funding. That is used first and then you will notice there is a \$1,230,304 of general fund monies there. Now what Senator Cavanaugh is saying if we authorize the expenditure of funds for professional fees for that particular activity, they can use the federal funds first. Then they will go to general fund, and if they feel, for example, that there are not sufficient funds there, then they can come back next year and justify any additional funding they might need. Senator Cavanaugh is rescinding the policy of the Welfare Department that says they will not pay because it is a public institution. The net effect of Senator Cavanaugh's amendment is to rescind that policy, let them pay regardless of what kind of an institution the operation is performed in...

PRESIDENT: You have got two minutes, Senator Barnett.

SENATOR GOODRICH: ...and then the program will not be dissipated all over town.

SENATOR BARNETT: I noticed, Senator Goodrich, in there that the last line or two of that amendment states that they should make a record of the fees paid, something to that. Have you see this amendment?

SENATOR GOODRICH: I don't have it in front of me. I haven't even seen it but I listened to it when it was read and all that does is report back to us, call for a report back to the Legislature telling us just what