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SENATOR MARVEL: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now without getting into detail for example what if they expended ten or fifteen times more than they did expend, any area of Government, is it then necessary for this body to make up a deficiency appropriation when every department of Government is supposed to be limited to the amount within the budget?

SENATOR MARVEL: No, and except, well for instance one item I have to refresh my memory here, but one item has to do with, in fact the most, the largest item, has to do with the law that we passed on miscellaneous claims, and there are a number of claims, workmen's compensation claims for instance, that amount to about two hundred and thirty thousand dollars. A hundred thousand of this would come from general funds and the rest would come from University of Nebraska cash funds and so on, instead of having a small claims and Senator Luedtke maybe you can help me in this area, instead of having a small claims miscellaneous claims committee, we have a on-going claims that continue indefinitely that puts us in the position where there, in between sessions there are claims that are requested and that's all this is, is a meeting of the on-going needs. The other item where we had quite a little discussion, not a very large item, about thirty thousand dollars, which we had Mr. Dunlovey in who is administrator of the courts system, maintained that the, and Senator Simpson, they want to respond to this, because he has drawn feelings in this area, we asked Mr. Dunlovey to please justify the fact that thirty thousand dollars under LB 1032 was expended before the bill took effect. He claims, and went to a section of the constitution that allows the courts to administer the court system and that they had hired him about six months before the bill took effect. These are two areas.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well if I can pin-point -

SENATOR MARVEL: But let, may I say one other thing, I am not one who is in favor of indiscriminately approving deficiencies never have been and I think if we do then this breaks down our whole system.

SENATOR CARPENTER: But does the law for example, as it now stands prevent us from doing this, legally and technically?

SENATOR MARVEL: Does the law prevent us from doing it.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes.

SENATOR MARVEL: No sir.

SENATOR CARPENTER: In other words any department can exceed their appropriation whatever they want to and they expect this body to approve it, is that what we are saving?

SENATOR MARVEL: No.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well where is the limitation on where they cannot -

SENATOR MARVEL: The only limitation is the same limitation as I understand it, that we have on expenditures, whatever we want to approve, we can approve, what ever we don't want to approve we don't have to, and I am not one, when I first came into this body, Senator Carpenter, there seemed to be a reputation or, I guess that's as good a word I can think of at the moment that whenever certain departments wanted to exceed their budgets, they would come in and we would automatically would approve it. We stopped this, and we started asking these departments, including the courts to come in and justify their expenditures. They were never too happy with this, but I still think if indiscriminately