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the meeting of the minds of these people who were supposed to have done the survey in the first place and it was not done because there was some difference of opinion between all the people involved and that's not unusual. They also directed me to go to the Intergovernmental Committee through our staff in order to have some people come here from this committee into the state of Nebraska in order to tell us within the bounds of reason how much it is going to cost. Mr. President, may I have some water?

SPEAKER: Gentlemen, may I suggest if you are going to carry on a conversation you either do it way in the back or clear under the wings. Senator Carpenter does have the floor. Proceed, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And I did that without any expense to this Legislature or anybody else. Now the press, by whatever attempt they had in mind, indicated that my own responsibility I attempted to spend anywhere from \$50,000 to \$100,000 on my own response--without consulting anybody. That was completely untrue. I have never done anything, with one exception, that the Executive has never directed me to do and I don't intend to. But when they tell me to do something, then I expect to do it. And I would hope that if they do that, then this body ought to concur if it's reasonable and follow through on it because that's our purpose. So these people have now told us they are willing to make this survey for approximately \$16,500. Now bear in mind, this is a per diem operation. These people are highly qualified and the estimate may be more than that but it will not be more than that if those who do it through the staff come to the Executive Board and ask us to recommend we pay more money, that you can be assured of. So we are now at the position whether you want to authorize the Executive Board to follow through on the proposal we received to bring this staff in here in order to see what we can do and when they make a recommendation whether we like it or not, I think we ought to take it. These people are experts in the field, which is a highly complicated field. Everybody doesn't understand it and I don't understand it. I don't understand any part of it but I do know it's necessary. Now from there I hope Senator Marvel will take it over.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Mr. President, first of all I want to congratulate the Executive Board for taking the bull by the horns and fronting for this particular study which I heartily endorse. I sat in on the sessions while the chairman was gone. I sat in on the sessions with the representatives of the council state governments both from Lexington, Kentucky and the gentleman from Iowa who visited with the top fiscal analyst to set up this particular study. I think one of the most important studies that you can approve during this session of the Legislature. A key to information whereby you as Legislators can make any kind of decisions depends upon a smooth working computer operation. This, we do not have at the moment. This, we absolutely need. And I think that these people who are not biased but who are experts throughout the country will come under the auspices of the Council of State Governments which represents the states, which represents the Executive branches, which represents all of those groups interested in the operation of state government. They are going to be involved in this and nobody is going to be discriminated against. It's a two phase study. Senator Carpenter indicates you are not bound for more than the \$16,500. I think this will do the two phases. If it won't, it will come back to you before additional money is spent so I put my wholehearted endorsement behind this and urge you to