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is this going to be in addition to what you think you are going to get in the budget bill?

SENATOR BURBACH: This is only for the expenses of the commission for attending their meeting.

SENATOR CARPENTER: But I know we are now appropriating thirty five thousand dollars or something like it, in the fiscal budget, I don't think you got enough money. Senator I don't want anybody to have any, if this bill don't work, I don't want these Indians to say we didn't have enough money, and they don't have enough money to do what you have in mind in my judgement.

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Carpenter you're absolutely correct, but the 37A is only for the traveling expenses of this commission, for the work necessary for this commission is a different matter and I don't believe we can cover it at this time, I think we need to consider this as, additional funds, so they can do the things that you and I are interested that they do, but I think we must go through the budget committee before that.

SENATOR CARPENTER: No you don't, that's what this A bill is for. You may not even have a budget bill before you. You may not even have a budget bill which will leave these things in here, all I'm saying for thirty five dollars a meeting, which is the per diem, and with the travel expense for fifteen people, and I don't think they ought to limit the number of meetings, I don't want them to have any excuse or you or anyone else that this bill won't work because of lack of money. I want to do exactly what you want to do but I want to be sure they're financed to the point that nobody can come here next time and say they didn't have enough money and don't have enough money to do what they have in mind.

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Carpenter we are going to have a different Indian commission set up then we currently have, and if they have made the request for forty thousand, six hundred and three dollars, now plus sixty three hundred dollars, if this is their request at this time, I will abide by it, I hope the budget committee will recognize it as such, and we'll be back in session next year and if they have a program going that it takes more money, I will certainly support at that time an increase in the budget for the activities that they will be engaged in.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well let me ask Senator Marvel a question, do you yield? Indian Affairs. Why can't we amend this bill in order to include anything that might happen between now and then in order to take care of the full appropriation for the entire area of the Indian commission? Is there any reason why we can't do it if we want to do it?

SENATOR MARVEL: Right in the bill itself?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes.

SENATOR MARVEL: We've had conflicting opinions from the Attorney General on this, to try to summarize those conflicting opinions, I would say that you could do it if you want to, put it right in the bill.

SENATOR CARPENTER: If Senator Burbach, I just want to be sure, that neither you nor any of these other Senators who had a predominately Indian problem in your district have any reason to come back next time and say this didn't work because we didn't have enough money. I don't think you're asking for enough money.