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SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, Senator Keyes, I'm not sure if I can answer all your questions, but, the answer to your last one first, I think Senator Syas essentially pointed that out already, it seems to me an exercise of futility to try to pass some bill without knowing in hard copy what the Governor has in mind. He has already announced, as I read it, that no bill is acceptable to him, and on that basis, and as I said before I don't think we can put 30 votes together to override a veto and I see no point in spending, we got so many things that we need to be concerned with, it seems to me that it would be foolish to, extend the discussion of the state aid question without knowing somewhat what he has in mind. In reference to the availability of revenue sharing money, I concur totally with what Senator Marvel has pointed out, several months ago it was my feeling that we ought to use revenue sharing money for property tax relief, I'm convinced now that with the withdrawal of many categorical aid programs in the Federal Government that our first priority has got to be looking at those programs which the state may have to totally reimburse, maybe out of Federal revenue sharing, but establish priority to continue those programs as necessary and then others perhaps to be phased out, I also am not too sure but what the state better be looking at some other federal programs which appear to be the, possibility of being phased out, they are not a part of our state budget, but are important to be continued we may have to use some of that revenue sharing for that, and as Senator Marvel has pointed out I don't think we are in a position to make a decision on any of these areas at this time until there is more clarification exactly what the Federal Government is going to be proposing, in fact really we got to find out whether Congress or the President is going to determine the programs and that's an issue which is before the court, it's an issue that's before the session, the congress at the present congressional session, and we are pretty much in an impossible position to know what to do until that question is resolved, so I'm not sure if I answered all of your questions, but that would be how I'd feel about it.

SPEAKER: Senator Carstens is at bat, Senator Stull is on deck and Senator Frank Lewis is in the hole, now the Chair would suggest that there is nothing before the body, there is no motion, and that we can spend all morning discussing this and I'm sure that it is of importance, but if it goes on much longer I'm going to ask for a rule suspension and so we'll continue for now, Senator Carstens.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Mr. President, I wonder if Senator Marvel will yield for a question?

SPEAKER: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes sir.

SENATOR CARSTENS: If I understood you correctly, what you're saying is that unless we use, if we want to keep up the present spending level, we have to use the revenue sharing funds, in total, for the next two or three years, or we are going to be faced with the choice of doing away with the programs or raising the taxes, is that correct?

SENATOR MARVEL: Well, yes. Now we're being, being lulled into some kind of stupor or sleep here at the moment, but the fact that we are going to have say twenty eight million dollars this year, but that is because the law as I understand it, started the first part of 72, so we got all of 72 money, all of 73 money