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I think from what I can tell so far, and we have not gotten all the facts, and the reason we haven't gotten the facts is that you can't get them out of Washington. That's the reason you can't get them and the Welfare Department that came in to our Committee this week had just recently gotten the facts themselves, so, it is not a case of somebody in here has been asleep. It's the fact that they just were not available and it appears to me that from what has gone on so far this revenue sharing business is a very poor trade. We are not going to come out ahead on it at all, and once we pass on a revenue sharing a expenditure of 14, let's say \$14,000,000. Once you get beyond that, then you are kidding yourself because you are never going to have under the present program much over that from now on. So anything over \$14,000,000 that we get this time is a one shot operation as far as Federal funds are concerned.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Well, Senator Marvel, I have tried and I am in complete agreement. I happen to have one of the revenue sharing bills before the Education Committee, to build a new... to build a few buildings on the University campus and I have tried for a long time to find out what revenue sharing funds may be used for. I have the bills. I have the Committee Reports and the Committee comments and testimony to some extent. I, also, have a letter from Senator Curtis' office as to what it may be used for. I'm not yet clear what it may be used for after all this, but I do know and I do get the impression that if we use revenue sharing funds and blend them into our budget merely to stave off a tax increase or something of that nature, we're going to be on the short end of the stick comes next time revenue sharing goes around.

SENATOR MARVEL: If we are going to count on much over the annual revenue sharing amount that we are going to get in the future, \$28.8 million, which is the latest figure I've seen is about a 2½ year figure. The regular figure is going to be much less than that and if we go...if we use revenue sharing to beef up our budget on more than an annual bases from now on, we are kidding ourselves. One other point, if revenue sharing basically, if there is any surplus, is used for anything but a one shot operation, by that, I mean construction of a building. If we put in revenue sharing to support a program, then revenue sharing ends, then we are in real trouble and that, I think, is part of what you meant.

SPEAKER: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think when the Legislature convened at that time most of the Senators agreed that our two #1...our two problems, probably #1 would be the concern over the appropriations bill, and secondly and one closely related would be the state aid school bill, and it seems to me that, perhaps, neither one of these can clearly be resolved until we get the Governor's proposal on state aid to education, and I rise to ask if it might not be possible to have a Rule change so that the Governor would have to submit his bills by a certain date so that this Legislature could properly consider these bills. Now, I don't think that we're going to progress too far or too fast until we get his state aid proposal, and, Mr. Chairman, I would propose or move that we request the Rules Committee to investigate this and see if they would come up with a proposal for a Rule change so that the Governor would be on notice that he should get his bills in here by a certain date.

SPEAKER: Certainly, Senator, you can move to change the Rules. The chair would suggest that you visit with the Chairman of the Rules Committee, Senator Duis, and then proceed from there. However, you certainly have the prerogative to request a Rules Change which the chair would refer to the Rules Committee, but I thought you might want to discuss it with Senator Duis, Senator Carpenter.