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SENATOR CARPENTER: How in the heaven can you pass a Rule to tell the Governor what to do? He's elected just like you and I are.

SPEAKER: Senator Stull.

SENATOR CARPENTER: He can does just as he damn pleases within the rights of the Constitution. Let him alone.

SPEAKER: Senator Stull, do you care to respond?

SENATOR STULL: Yes. Senator Carpenter, I doubt if we can really force him to get a bill in, but I think that on the other hand I don't think that he can force us to dillydally around and wait on him either. That would be my answer.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What you want to do is embarrass him. He embarrasses himself enough as it is.

SPEAKER: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to comment just briefly on this revenue sharing aspect. I think that we are constantly put into a bind of the fact that we take existing programs and existing budgets every year and then, if the priorities in this state or the priorities in this Legislature change, we fail to recognize that. I suggest to you that property tax relief is probably the #1 priority in this state today and I think we had better come to grips with that, and that's the thing we'd better look at revenue sharing. We'd better look at the total budget. We'd better, also, look at a couple of other things and I'd like to ask Senator Marvel a question.

SPEAKER: Senator Marvel, you are being asked a question.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Senator Marvel, there is additional General Fund money available to us that was not in existence last year, isn't there, by economic growth and by some of the other taxes.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, there is an increase.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: What would you speculate that is?

SENATOR MARVEL: I wouldn't right now. I can get it for you.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Close to ten million.

SENATOR MARVEL: I would not want to speculate on the floor without the actual figures. We have a little difficulty, if I may say so, in getting current figures on revenue. We are investigating ways and means to perfecting this, but we haven't done it yet. If you would like me to, by this time tomorrow, I can have this available.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: I'd appreciate that.

SENATOR MARVEL: OK.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: My point is and I'll make it brief and sit down because I know we got other business at hand, but I for one am not going to accept the fact that certainly we are not going to look at the budgetary process in regard to priorities and I think all of us better get that in mind as to what we think is most important to do and we'd better put our money there to start with. So, I'm not accepting the philosophy that revenue sharing is dead for special programs, such as, state aid to schools. I have a personal interest in that.

SPEAKER: I believe that this concludes the discussion. We are