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SENATOR MARVEL: Well, now, I, Terry, maybe you can help me answer this too. As I understand, before this constitutional amendment passed we could not, one Legislature could not commit another one so we had originally, let's say a six year building program back when we met every other year. That was a beautiful plan except it wasn't a six year program it was a two year program and then a change every two years but it helped some. So we did have a six year program but we couldn't commit the next Legislature to agree to the second phase of the program. Now as I understand it, Senator Carpenter, now we could proceed to commit future Legislatures to let's say capital construction program by starting projects now. Is that your understanding, that the rules have changed in other words?

SENATOR CARPENTER: ...what you're thinking about. You have to repeal this roadblock if that's what it is.

SENATOR MARVEL: All right, now I have one other comment I'd like to make in the way of a suggestion. I don't think it's too hot a suggestion but I'll throw it in anyway. It is possible that what you can consider in the future is certain amount of money allocated to several subdivisions of government, let's say, let's take UNO again as an example. It's entirely possible that you could as a Legislature appropriate let's say \$10 million to UNO to be used for future projects and the \$10 million is only the beginning. And maybe you want to earmark all of that, maybe you only want to earmark some of it. Now that's another way, as I understand it could be done. So you'd have \$10 million for UNO and \$2 million for UNL or vice versa and so on. So I think we now can set up a long range program that we couldn't before.

SENATOR SNYDER: All right, I think the point that's been made, I would have one comment and Senator Carpenter, you may want to comment on my comment, that being that my reservation prior to this was that outlined by Senator Marvel, how could we bond if you will another Legislature to follow us but at the same time I think we must realize that with the rising construction costs that we're faced with that we have to come up with some long range plans rather than sit down here one year at a time and see these increased building costs trap us each time and I guess then that our only check and balance is that if a Legislature tried to do too much too soon it would make about as fine a campaign issue as an opponent would want to have. Senator Carpenter, is that the essence of the way you would see it at this time?

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, do you care to respond?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I don't

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know whether it would make a campaign issue or not, Senator, it depends who is running against you and what he wants to do in order to attempt to defeat you. But what you say could be true. But this is the only way by which we can obligate a succeeding Legislature and I mean obligate, in order to bring about a continuing program rather than on a piecemeal basis. As I said, I have no pride of authorship, I'm just concerned about the problem. I only offer it for your acceptance or rejection with the understanding if you don't accept it, please understand the position you're going to be in at that time, probably you're not going to be able to change it. It would do exactly what you have in mind apparently. Now if we spend too much money, that's always a problem.