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understand the motion at the moment, 533 will not pass this session if we proceed as we have agreed to.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, I guess that's true but there would be no money as I understand it available to the tech colleges because they are not legally established without 533 amended to 259. I'm only asking for clarification. The majority has made a decision which is fine but I'd like to get 533 drafted then or amended to be harmonious with...

SENATOR MARVEL: The only answer I can give you Senator Warner at the moment is that the appropriation for the Voc Tech schools is for seven areas. If your bill, 533, contains five then it would have to go back to the seven. That's the only answer I can give you.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay, Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, as far as the vote on this bill is concerned, it's a lost cause as far as trying to prevent its passage or to prevent the Legislature from acting precipitately as it's going to do. But I wonder if Senator Marvel would yield to two questions?

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel, will you yield?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Marvel, in your best judgment, would this bill--LB 259--contain enough money to operate the state properly with no deficit appropriations or anything else, this bill standing alone?

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Chambers, the reason we moved to annual sessions in my opinion was so that we could keep on top of appropriations. We can keep on top of appropriations quite adequately in my opinion because this particular bill does not take effect until July 1, 1973. This Legislature will be back in session at the latest the first part of January of the next year. There is adequate money to take care of the needs of the State between those periods of time. In other words, from the time we adjourn or, let's reword it, from the time that this bill takes effect until we meet again, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, let me rephrase the question. And then maybe with the explanation you've given...

SENATOR MARVEL: Now, I would like to make one more statement if I could before you ask another question. As some have indicated, we spent a considerable length of time after the hearings on major departments with the Governor's staff. We asked specific questions of Governor's staff, representing the Executive Branch as to whether or not in their opinion that the Governor, or that the State could live with their recommendations. In every case where this question was asked they said yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But Senator Marvel, what I'm asking for is your opinion and for what you consider your best judgment if this is the best appropriation measure and it is adequate, it's difficult for me to understand why the committee would offer amendments so the question I'm asking, if I could get a direct answer and I'm not trying to be argumentative, is this an adequate appropriations measure and if so why did the committee offer amendments?

SENATOR MARVEL: Well, the committee in effect basically, the