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particular bill is not the budget committee's bill. I think this bill is the Governor's bill and I don't know whether the budget committee should assume the responsibility of the explanation of it. What do you think of that?

PRESIDENT: Senator, well, Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: It's this body, my friend, that either passes it or rejects it. We either take that responsibility or we do not.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, I'm sorry but in your motion you were suggesting that the chairman of the budget committee do this and this is not their bill.

SENATOR PROUD: It is the budget committee I presume that considered this bill. Let me ask you this, who considered the Governor's requests?

SENATOR DUIS: Well, as I understand it the Governor didn't make any appearance on this particular legislation that this bill was...

SENATOR PROUD: What is the, let me ask you this--what is the budget committee been spending its time on the past several months?

SENATOR DUIS: Well, apparently they've been listening to the agency who wanted their budget increased where it wasn't and such as that. That's my understanding and on the amendments.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, if the chairman of the budget committee isn't qualified to discuss this budget, who is? And you mean to tell me that we're just going to pass it without anybody understanding what's in it?

SENATOR DUIS: I wasn't saying that to you, I was saying you were calling on the budget committee chairman to explain it, a bill that isn't theirs.

SENATOR PROUD: Has he read it?

SENATOR DUIS: Well, then I'll... I've got some questions then for the chairman of the appropriations committee. I'll direct them to Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: All right, Senator Marvel, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR PROUD: Have you studied the Governor's bill?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR PROUD: In detail?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR PROUD: Have you heard testimony concerning it in your Committee?

SENATOR MARVEL: We've heard testimony from about three different sides.

SENATOR PROUD: Yes, but you've had this bill, it's been before your committee, is that right or wrong?

SENATOR MARVEL: That's right. It was introduced by you at the request of the Governor...

SENATOR PROUD: Because I had to because it's in the Constitution. Now...