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recommendation. Would you respond to this and if you have no objection, then we don't have to have a public hearing. I would say close to 50% of the agencies suggested that they were not in desperate straits and they could proceed. So we have a letter in file in case you'd like to see them. In addition to this, some of the departments came in as is their nature and I would be the first to say that if we didn't have aggressive department heads we ought to see whether or not they're doing the job. Most aggressive department heads are never satisfied with what they have. Therefore, we were not disappointed when most of the agencies came in and said they couldn't get by with the appropriation that they received from the Governor. After the departments had their complaint session, then we asked the Governor's staff to come in. Well, the Governor's staff sat in on the hearing of the departments so they could take notes on the complaints. Then after that in courtesy to the Executive Branch then we asked an Executive Session that the appropriate staff member from the Governor's staff respond to the complaints and I repeat what I said before, it's our, at least it's my impression that those staff members indicated that the Governor's recommendations were adequate despite the complaints of the department. This would pertain to the Health Department as well as others.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich, any other questions?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, you keep referring to the requests for example for future, the forthcoming year. I'm talking specifically Senator Marvel of deficiencies that are needed for this particular fiscal year we're in right now. How do they last, how do they pay their salaries, how do they pay the expenses of the court for example through June 30 of this year? That's what I'm concerned with.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, 253 is the bill, excuse me just a minute. 253 was passed and approved by the Governor the first of February. This was, took care of the basic deficiency appropriations I think you're referring to. This was the major deficiency bill, Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, but what I'm trying to, what I'm driving at, Senator Marvel, is is there not a deficiency appropriations bill that has been drafted to satisfy the problems in the court system that has not yet been introduced into this body and that there is some disagreement on who shall introduce it even?

SENATOR MARVEL: I don't think there's any disagreement at all. If there's any deficiency bill, it's in the hands of the Governor at the moment. We've asked for this several times and haven't received it. There's no disagreement. It sits there. You must know more about this deficiency bill than I do because we've asked to see it because of the so-called problems and we have yet to receive it. Therefore it must not be necessary.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas, are you passing? Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Very brief. The Governor came in here this morning and stood on that podium and told us he could live with the bill. That's the way I understand it. So the majority of the Legislature this morning granted him his wish. He said it was his budget. He also went on to say that if anything would happen he'd call us back into Special Session which is his prerogative. Now agencies that Senator Goodrich is worried about could or could not be true but the fact is those are administrative agencies under the Governor generally speaking, not all but most of them are, so I think it's his responsibility and on his own agencies that he controls