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SENATOR MARVEL: --I always yield to any reasonable questions.

SPEAKER: Senator Chambers, Senator Chambers, will you proceed to ask the questions?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will, yes I will.

SENATOR MARVEL: Excuse me, that doesn't put you in the framework, does it when I say I yield to all reasonable questions?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, Senator Marvel, I take that as a compliment because of the fact that you yielded indicates that you presume my questions will be reasonable so I thank you for the compliment.

SENATOR MARVEL: Okay,--we start on a common ground.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, but prior to that, I just want to say--Senator Simpson, thank you for what you did but I'm accustomed to being treated differently here than the others. Just like when Senator Stromer was in the balcony yesterday, I could have asked that he be brought down but I didn't.

SPEAKER: Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, I'll ask for a point of order and ask Senator Chambers to keep on the question before us now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will. Thank you Senator Simpson. I'm contrite, chastised and will get to the issue. Senator Marvel, there were amendments offered to the budget bill by the Budget Committee. Did these amendments represent the opinion of the Chairman alone or the consensus of the Budget Committee?

SENATOR MARVEL: The opinions, as in any committee, represented at that moment the consensus of the whole committee--excuse me, represented, well, I don't want to use the whole because that, that assumes that every motion before the committee advanced so whatever, whatever amendments were put on the bill, let's put it that way, represented at least the majority opinion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Alright, so it would be a consensus--

SENATOR MARVEL: I'm, I'm a benevolent dictator in the committee and I think we have to have 5 votes for any motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now were these amendments adopted by the committee because they felt there were inadequacies or gaps in the bill offered by the Governor as offered?

SENATOR MARVEL: There are a few inadequacies in the bill. The majority of the amendments, in my opinion, I'm speaking as one individual, the majority of amendments simply indicated a different direction that a majority of the committee members felt that certain departments ought to go at this time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you, have you made statements about dollar inadequacies in the budget and in certain areas of that bill recommended a greater amount of money than was asked for by the Governor?

SENATOR MARVEL: I will give you an example because I think this will afford me an opportunity of clearing up some mis-