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motion is not to allow unbridled spending by any way, shape or form, but I don't know that the body is aware of the fact that due to the recommendations made and by the budget committee, in the capitol construction, that we are actually considerably below the Governor now in expenditures and I think for necessary causes, such as the cause along the Platte river, that we can and probably should expend money where monies where necessary as long as we remain under the total spending amount approval by the Governor. I think that was our original intent; not to be excessive in our spending. I think this is what the Governor was worried about and I think in so far as we stay at a figure below what he had, we will be keeping faith with the people. I think we have a clearer picture, now, of where we are than we did two weeks ago, after the budget committee moved foray, which is 6 million less than the Governor recommended. So I move for the adoption of this resolution to help clarify the issue of where we stand and what we could be permissible in the area of expenditures.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion now, on the debate of the motion? Senator Carpenter, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Is he talking about what the, what the capitol, or the current expenditures?

PRESIDENT: Stand by. Let's read the motion again here. Would the clerk please read the motion.

CLERK: Motion is as follows (read)

SENATOR CARPENTER: He's talking about current revenue and current expenditures then?

SENATOR STAHLER: Yes, if I could. I'm talking the total budget, capitol and operative.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Of course the capitol is not before us, so I presume it only applies to the other.

SENATOR STAHLER: Well, the intent of the motion was, it would apply to all spending. It is in essence we would not expend beyond what the Governor recommended in his total budget.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now let me make a point of order. Now let's take all the A bills, irrespective whether their bracketed or whether they rest. The question being, let's presume we start reading A bills, and let's presume that an A bill was defeated. Now would that eliminate for this session, any expenditure money for that particular activity incurred in the A bill?

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahlmer, do you care to respond?

SENATOR STAHLER: As far as I am concerned, I think it would, yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, what I'm trying to say, is that the, if we start reading A bills, and as they are not passed or passed, those that are not passed, at ends, any appropriations, till we meet again in January. It would be my opinion, would you agree with that?

SENATOR STAHLER: Absolutely.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now Mr. President, we've always got this problem, and of course what the human mind, makes up it's mind to do, sometimes it wants to change. I don't. But I will amend his amendment and I'll vote against it, to start reading all A bills this morning. On final reading, with the understanding, if those which are not passed, automatically are completely ineffective in so far as this session of the legislature, is concerned. I would question whether very many would be passed. But we've got this problem and I presume theres going to be those who voted to do what we're now doing, want to reconsider it and I think