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sat down there and we did all the conniving two minds could do in order to put his appropriations bill where it was finally passed and that's the way it was. I've said before, he has never denied it. I don't presume he will. We fell out, for example, over an obvious reason which is not important to this but I might as well comment on it. Ordinarily, the Governor calls every Senator in who's bill he is going to veto. Senator Stull, he called in there and I think he called Senator Schmit in but not Senator Carpenter, his ramrod. He waited until Senator Carpenter got out in Scottsbluff. Up until that time, he never talked to me about 179. When he got out..when I was in Scottsbluff, he called me on the telephone. He says I am sorry to tell you. I just vetoed your bill. That's the day I ceased to be a ramrod but in his area I am ramroding the other way because he is completely undependable. He is 100% irresponsible and you people who are now with him will find that out sooner or later. Now let's talk about this other thing. Let's look at it from a practical standpoint. What kind of a staff does the Governor of the state of Nebraska have, in the area of the determination of what we are talking about and what staff do we have. He's got Norman Otto and everyone has an opinion of how knowledgeable he is particularly in the field of finance and budgeting. Now when you go in the Governor's office, almost always, he always has Norman standing back of you. He is either working his head this way and jamming you this way. Now why is that. Well, obviously, the Governor because of circumstances and the lack of time and other things is not very knowledgeable in the field of government. He has to take the opinions of other people, so he takes Norm Otto's. Then we take Gus Lieske, now. We had a hearing in the Executive Council, I am not dreaming these things up, and he gave, at least, the majority of the members of the Committee the reason to believe that he didn't know anything about computers. We asked him the specific question about the bench marks. He gave us the reason to believe that he didn't even draw them and he didn't have enough time to do it because he and his staff were busy in the area of the application of their other responsibility. We asked him why you are trying to change the computer system. We want to be economical and save money. Well, what do you have to do to do that. I said, isn't it true that any contract you enter into with any computer firm, they will not guarantee you anything in so far as performance is concerned. Yes. The cost. Yes. Performance, they won't guarantee you anything. You are buying a pig in a poke. Now I ask myself why is Gus Lieske so interested in computers. I told the Governor and Gus when he was setting there, there is some people in this state think somebody is stealing. I didn't say that behind their back. I said it to their face. I said I don't know whether it is you or not but you must understand that when you take all the responsibility, then you are going to have to live with whatever you do. Now, you take Gus Lieske, what does he know about budgeting? He can't even communicate. He can't get his eyes off the floor. Any man that can't look you in the eye, my friend, there is a man you can question. Tie man used to look up to heaven all the time if they were coming down to grab him. He had a different approach but it had the same meaning. Now, insofar as Senator Marvel, this is the issue. You..Senator Fellman, I can understand. You are trying to do the same thing you accused me of and we are both right except I am honest about it. This is the one way in which this bill ought to be passed because there is no comparison between the area of the knowledge between our staff, our chairman and the Governor's staff. For the most part, they know absolutely nothing about their recommendation appropriations. They don't even have, to my knowledge, any public hearings. To my knowledge, I have never