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SENATOR PROUD: Senator Marvel, I did refer to the Governor's budget but, there is a budget, is there not, that your committee recommended? Was it the Governor's budget?

SENATOR MARVEL: No sir. It was, the problem involved with trying to compare our budget with the Governor's budget is the fact that his was basically one year and ours was a three-year budget.

SENATOR PROUD: Then, Senator Marvel, your committee did adjust the Governor's budget?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes sir.

SENATOR PROUD: And how much, if any, does it exceed in total the recommendation of the Governor?

SENATOR MARVEL: You mean with yesterday's amendments on it?

SENATOR PROUD: No, no, no, your, the budget you submitted to this floor?

SENATOR MARVEL: Our budget is less than the Governor's budget.

SENATOR PROUD: By how much?

SENATOR MARVEL: About a million dollars for this next fiscal year.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, then, is it still your recommendation that this body adopt the budget your committee recommended?

SENATOR MARVEL: Let me, I appreciate the question, let me respond as bluntly as I can. I was gone for the last hour yesterday because we had family here and I took them to the plane and I want to correct one statement I made on the floor because I got some other information. The Governor had a million dollars in penal reform construction in his budget so in effect at the moment for the next fiscal year, the difference between the total today and his total is \$2½ million, that's the first item. I said \$3½ but you have to subtract the million dollars for penal reform. Now I guess 19 years in this Legislature makes one somewhat pragmatic although I'm accused of being otherwise periodically and I think we're in a position at the time where we either accept 256 or get into another brawl and may not come up with any capital construction. I think basically and let me say this although I don't understand all of the projects, I think probably the most important project that will be begun this year has to do with penal reform. Those penal reform amendments were put on yesterday and if we don't pass 256 or some semblance of that bill in my opinion we don't start what is very important and that has to do with--excuse me if I fillibuster for a moment--

SENATOR PROUD: I wish you would.

SENATOR MARVEL: If we don't pass penal reform and dovetail with that, those buildings aren't any good unless we put some staff with it, I've said this time and again and said this when the people came here, those who had proposed this particular building program and I was a little shocked and this is not derogatory to Senator Luedtke, I was a little shocked that those who had composed the report had not talked to the inmates whom they wished to rehabilitate but I assume that once the buildings are started we will proceed to beef up the staff and we also will, because this takes into account other penal complexes in the State, I think this is highly significant.

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