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taking out everybody else. My objective is to take them all out. Now, first of all I think that we need to realize that throughout this session that we have almost completely disregarded our ordinary budgetary process. This is a very serious matter because these amendments I am talking about a total of \$15,459,000. Now lets review a little bit what we did with the operating budget. Now to my judgment we have completely abrogate our responsibilities to the public and the law making process by handing that Governor's budget in tact to him and saying that we wash our hands of the operating budget, it is up to you Mr. Governor, here is your recommendation, we agree with it. In no way did we

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discuss that budget in any kinds of detail and of course it requires the spending of many more millions. Then when it came to the construction budget, we completely thumbed our nose so to speak at the budget committee. I believe that the budget committee recommendation after spending months on this was something like \$18,000,000. The Chairman of the appropriations committee is here and he can comment on that at any time if he so desires to give you the exact figures. Now as you know what the budget committee does is to meet for literally months on these expenditure items. It takes into consideration all of the needs of the state and tries to put something together that is reasonable. So it comes up with something like \$18,000,000. Senator Marvel is that roughly the right figure? Would you nod your head if it is. I would like to ask Senator Marvel a question if he would yield. He is coming. Senator Marel the budget committee recommendation, am I correct in saying that it was in the neighborhood of \$18,000,000. On the capital construction budget? What is the figure that your committee recommended.

SENATOR MARVEL: Well the original committee amendments were \$17,600,000 then we added 3.5 on the floor so your roughly correct. Actually in order to compare it without any floor action, the Governor's recommendations were 18.3 and the committee was 17.6 to start with before all of these other amendments got moved.

SENATOR PROUD: Alright, so as a round figure the budget committee recommended to this body after a great deal of study approximately \$18,000,000. Now Tuesdaay in a matter of a few moments, minutes, we almost doubled that budget. Now it will be pointed out here that this money is to be spent over something like 3 years. Well I don't care how many years it is to be spent over. We almost doubled the recommendation of our own budget committee. Now how can we in any sense of the word justify that to the public? In my judgment and I think in the judgment of many of us here we can not. Now you say well that isn't so much money. Well to a lot of people in the state it is a lot of money. We have such things as LB472, aid to schools if that passes and it appears that it will some people say that we are going to raise the sales tax to 4 or 5 percent. That we are going to raise the income tax by perhaps 25%. These are not exact figures but this is something that we should be discussing and we should hear from the people who know more about it than I do. Namely the budget committee. Now on top of the raise in sales tax and income tax were we imposed in a matter of minutes another 15 million dollars. Now how much is the public willing to take? Now lets look for a moment at the political picture. Year after year, I have seen politicians, some politicians in this body and I'm not referring specifically to