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that a very nominal amount of money. Now they are not in first class shape, they would have to be renovated, repaired and put in order. I would be glad to accept the \$100,000 and I only think that this ought to be done. I don't really care if you do it or not, I know that we passed the bill enlarging the authority and we set forth the policy at states and I think that we ought to be courageous irrespective of the economy move that is here now, and I have no objection to the economy move. I think that maybe it is well taken and I think that in this case if you want to make an exception that I think that this is one exception that you might substantiate it. I move to amend the amendment to one hundred thousand rather than the two hundred thousand.

PRESIDENT: The motion now is the Schmit-Carpenter amendment is for \$100,000. Is there need for that particular amendment? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the body, I have a had a little contact with CAP, I am a pilot and I do understand all of these problems but rather than appropriate a \$100,000 and then find uses for it, I would sure love to support the CAP's program but I would like to see what there program is before I see the appropriation amount.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: No....

PRESIDENT: Motion is to amend the Carpenter amendment to \$100,000 all those in favor or not. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I visited with some of the members of the Civil Air Patrol about this and they have aircraft now that they get from the Federal Government because they can't fly because it has not been updated. They have aircraft that has to be brought into compliance with the FFA regulations with regards to radio equipment, for which they do not have the money. They have other uses for this equipment and they have opportunity to purchase other equipment if they have money. If you will go to the Scotts-bluff-Sidney area, Senator Clark has an aircraft out there for his unit. I don't suppose that he will support this amendment because he is flying high with about half of the CAP air force is out there at Sidney right now. They have about 13 or 14 units that are in operation and they have no air craft for them. As a result when there is a search or rescue mission the private pilots have to use their own equipment and their own airplanes. At that time the Federal Government comes in and provides the gasoline money. Now that is a big deal. We have appropriated a lot of money for the Civil Defense and for the most part I think that it is money down the drain because these guys by the time they move in don't get there in time to do any good they haul a few of the newsmen around and they haul the sitemeers around but as far as actually doing any good they actually do very little good. They haul politicians around and that sort of thing but they do not provide the search and rescue that the Civil Air Patrol provides and these people are private pilots and they are the kind of people that sit in this body and they invest their own time and equipment and I think that we should encourage by the appropriations of this money the development of better units out in the country. Now I have had occasion and I think that you are aware of that to participate in this exercise and it has been very costly to me