

it when the budget comes in in its final form it will have one column for example the recommendations of the Governor the recommendations of the budget and the recommendation of your fiscal staff. I think by the time that we adjourn this session the membership should make up its mind whether you think this has been helpful or not. Because it is not inexpensive. If it is not worth the money that you are going to ask the tax payers to pay, then we ought to stop it. I think that we ought to give it one good opportunity to express itself. You have to remember also that to some extent the staff is new and it was formulated in June as I recall, I don't think that any of them are dedicated in that sense of the word but they are hard working individuals who did the best that they could. Now as I understand it they have not gone into programs which should be considered by the legislature. It is more of a status quo. Now it would be the opinion of the Executive Board, I would think, I'm not really sure that I am correct on this, but if you want to continue this operation, then we ought to have the staff in the sense that they are qualified as an illustration to go down to the University, and I only use this as an illustration, with members of the staff who are just as qualified in the field of higher education as the staff of the University is, because after all unless you are not qualified you don't understand it. If the staff members can go into these areas of responsibility and set down down for not just a day or a week or until they know the need and what the operation is doing and come back here and realistically advise us to consider what they find we are never going to know about the public expenditure of public funds. I think that it is a great tribute to Senator Marvel, who spends more time than any other Senator that I know of in the field of state government, and I don't say this because of his political desires. He is about as nonpartisan as you can get. But on the other hand he has spend many hours and I don't know of another man in this legislature who would be willing to do the same thing. Certainly I wouldn't. He lives down here and he does it because he likes state government and because he has that disposition to over do what I don't think anybody else would want to do. But the main point that I want to bring out, this staff is on trial, they will tell you how much it is going to cost and it will never cost any less. It is probably going to cost more because we don't have a staff in sufficient numbers yet to do and bring about the ultimate in the advising of this body based upon the facts involved at the time they obtain it as to what we ought to consider.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas, did you wish to be recognized? There is nothing before, excuse me Senator Syas. There is nothing before the body other than we are having general discussion.

SENATOR SYAS: Just to state my...I do not oppose the committee starting their hearings or anything like that but it does present a problem, and I just want Senator Proud or somebody to answer it. I assume that we are going to work all day until we start holding hearings and if that is the case we will be 9 persons short here and on some close votes I think that it will present a problem. I don't know what Senator Marvel's thoughts are on that but is it agreed then that if anything is close, you can hold it up, or are we going to start, my a question is are we a going to start adjourning at noon and not have afternoon sessions because