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SENATOR CARPENTER: Just to expand on that subject, I have a great interest in ETV. The Federal Government has large sums of money which is available for states on a matching basis. Generally it is at least 50% and sometimes 75% etc. Now the State has to make application for the various things they want. Like color television. They also have to make application in order to improve the reception in the areas today which is not too good. Which would probably cost about a million dollars. Now the Federal Government has a habit, you have to stand in line because there are others in the same line from the 50 states. But you have to have some identification, not necessarily the money itself, but an indication of state will. Even when the Federal sets aside a sufficient amount of money to along with it. So many times this ETV, the money or the authorization has to be there, not that it's going to be spent. But because it gives the ETV Commission and it's leader to go to Washington and where he's quite influential and get in line in order to get the money. Now insofar as proving that the reception is concerned, I've been told it will take at least two or three years after making application before the Federal money is available. But in the meantime they can't go there empty handed. They have to have something that is out of the action of this body to indicate to the Federal Government that if and when they make the contribution we probably will follow through. Now we don't have to. If at that time we don't want to use the funds the money just lapses back to the Federal and they give it to those people who will. I only give you that as a matter of explanation. Now as I recall, they've been standing in line for color television for a long time. And I hope that they will have color television for this body and I understand this will bring it into this body also. But application has been pending for reasonably long period of time, and I understand probably next year, and maybe even this year the Federal Funds will be available and probably the departmental will proceed to acquire the equipment in order to give color television on the ETV system.

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator Maresh did you have a question here in this area.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I'd like to ask a question of Senator Marvel. I have a letter that was answered to Sherry Aitkens at Alexandria, she was asking about the reception in their area. ETV reception and they tell her that that there is a bill to be introduced to provide better service. I haven't heard about this, but is this ..is there anything to this letter..I mean is there..is this so that somebody will introduce a bill. Is some committee going to sponsor a bill to provide better coverage in the Jefferson and Thayer County areas.

SENATOR MARVEL: If you think coverage is bad in Jefferson and Thayer County you ought to come out to and take a look at ETV in my front room. But that isn't really the question you had in mind. They have been working on that for four or five years and they can get good reception in my front yard, but not inside the house and I cannot use ETV outside in the wintertime. In direct response to your question, we are considering capital construction or propose to next week, at which time there are specific proposals to upgrade reception including the area that you are talking about. That is in the capital construction area, and it is not in this operational budget.

SENATOR FOWLER: Thank you.