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SENATOR MARVEL: We've already talked to the staff about it, and in this particular program we are talking about 40 auditors. That's what we are talking about.

PRESIDENT: All right, stand by. Senator Savage do you have an inquiry in this area?

SENATOR SAVAGE: I'd like to know if Senator Carpenter would yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: He's in consultation right there behind you. Stand by. Senator Carpenter do you want to yield to a question from Senator Savage?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'm almost afraid to, now.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Carpenter, do I understand you to mean that we will need more money in that fund, or is this money that they have asked for, that's sufficient to take care of what they are supposed to do.

SENATOR CARPENTER: That money is only a drop in the bucket to what they ought to have, and what they should do with what we ought to make them do.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator Fred Carstens do you have an inquiry in this same area?

SENATOR FRED CARSTENS: Well I have, I'm not quite sure and I'm asking the Chair to clear this up. Are we on the..are we on this particular agency on this program #10..no wait not #10, on page 7, section 8 talking about the Auditor of Public Accounts.

PRESIDENT: That's correct, Sir.

SENATOR FRED CARSTENS: Are we on that one now, or are we skipping it around here.

PRESIDENT: Well, they had bypassed that area, and we went back to pick it up, Senator Carstens.

SENATOR FRED CARSTENS: Well, I'd like to ask, somebody may know. I'll ask Senator Marvel, maybe..now I couldn't..I'll have to agree whole heartedly with what Senator Carpenter says. This has been one of the things that has been bothering me for a long time. We appropriate huge sums of money, and then later on we can never pin down what happened to it. It was probably spent properly. And we've had no scandals in this state, but maybe we just haven't ..I don't even like to say that, but let's not have any. Now I am..I have been impressed more and more with the, with some of the agencies like the Crime Commission, for example, which gets millions of dollars of money, and which in my judgement has become..becoming a dumping ground for political favors. In other words if you have a police chief or somebody you would temporarily would be out of a job and he is in the right party and you don't know what to do with him, put him in the Crime Commission. Now, I'd like to know does the authority does the Auditor have any authority over these agencies? Senator Marvel. Does the Auditor..State Auditor now have any authority or exercise..conduct any audits on the expenditures on agencies