

you can't prove to them now that you need that extra money that you want to extract from. If you are successful then I suggest what you do is to apply for the job as chairman of the appropriations committee and I'll do my best to see that you attain that position because I...obviously you have some information that we don't have. I say that in all sincerity and not otherwise. Now I would like the others to speak and then I'm going to put the motion up there to kill this bill and not get this legislature in a box from which it is impossible for them to get out of and to say each one of you to yourselves that 1974 if some political officials in this state won't stand up and be counted and try to tell people that they have cut taxes when they know darn well they haven't. Let us at least face the facts and kill this bill.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak in this order will be Senators F. Carstens, Anderson, Kelly, Stahmer and Waldron.

SENATOR F. CARSTENS: I would like, if Senator Lewis would yield, I would like to ask a few questions.

PRESIDENT: Senator F. Lewis, will you yield?

SENATOR LEWIS: I certainly will.

SENATOR F. CARSTENS: Senator Lewis, I have looked at this estimated general funds revenue for 74-75 which you put on our desk several days ago, and I have looked at it a good many times and there are some questions that come to mind do you know for example, can you tell us what the revenues were from the sales use tax for the fiscal year 73-74?

SENATOR LEWIS: I certainly can't.

SENATOR F. CARSTENS: What about the individual income tax?

SENATOR LEWIS: No, I can't. My question and my concern was and I will respond to it this way Senator Carstens. We have a quarter of a million dollar staff downstairs, that we hired. Their job is to be able to provide that information to us. If they can't do that, and Senator Marvel said that this is out-dated, and I had Eldon up here yesterday, saying that this is still substantially correct. Those who claim that we have to have burdens of proof on to members of this body when one of the things that we have said in the past is that we have a staff and we can ask them those questions. Now if that quarter of a million dollars of staff time can't buy correct answers for the members of the legislature then lets look at it another way. The question I asked is, I said, is that a general picture of state government of revenues and expenditures? And I got an unqualified yes. I said has there been much change since these figures were available? And I got maybe a change of two or three million dollars. Senator Marvel was absolutely correct, I'm not an expert in finance. But I am fairly reasonable to getting to people who are supposed to know it and who are getting paid to know it. I'll provide that for you if you like Senator Carstens. I'll have someone do it.

SENATOR CARSTENS: The reason that I was interested in this was that I know, positively, and I base this on some knowledge that I have that on the individual income tax projected revenues for 74-75 I do not believe that it was taken into