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SENATOR MARVEL: I haven't had a good discussion with you for a year so this....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This may not be a real discussion because I'm just trying to get information today. Was there as I read in the paper what could be called a five million dollar mistake in terms of money that would be available because of a carry over balance that already been obligated that the staff had not taken into consideration?

SENATOR MARVEL: In regards to the cigarette tax revenue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Alright, when the paper stated, and I'm taking it from the paper so if there is anything incorrect quote, then this is the opportunity to clarify it. This is from the World Herald. As for the capital construction decisions, Marvel said that he had instructed Ehrlich and his staff to put together a list of bare minimum construction requirements for the coming year without regard to cost. Now the term minimum construction requirements. Does this mean actual items that were to be constructed or just what does that refer too?

SENATOR MARVEL: Well what I meant Senator Chambers was this. That whatever money could be actually spent in this next fiscal year together with any capital construction items that we were talking about is all of the money that should be spent, or should be appropriated. In other words, if we are starting a five million dollar project, there are some that would like to see five million dollars appropriated, or some see 2½ one year and 2½ the next. Whereas actually by the time you go through all of this red tape once the money is appropriated it takes months before any physical construction is actually done so that...what we mean my minimum construction, what was the other word? Requirements, include the planning, the blue printing and then whatever actual physical construction combined with the other two items could actually be done in the fiscal year which starts July 1, 1974.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, from my information and for my clarification, I have to make a little comment first, it seems like this situation is one of where you advance now and pay the piper later. By that I mean that give the impression that a certain amount of money is appropriated this year which is less than what would be the total cost of the project and convey the impression that this will be the total cost of the project. I'm not saying that that was the budget's committee intention but a concrete example would be the minimum medium facility, has that been cut by the budget committee? I'm asking for information so that I know clearly what has been done.

SENATOR MARVEL: Can I get that information to you say give it to you tomorrow morning?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Fine.

SENATOR MARVEL: I would now be pulling things off the top of my head a...but let me if I may, do you have another comment before....I have an answer to what you said a moment ago.