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SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, now am I to understand that nobody really understands or knows how much this study is going to cost as enumerated in the paragraph, and that your committee recommends that whatever it is they take it out of their budget.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, Sir.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, if they don't have the money, what happens? Are they to be the sole judge whether they have it?

SENATOR MARVEL: Well, let me put it this way. I'll give you my philosophy on this. And then somebody else on the committee wants to respond, that's fine. If we mean business as far as the Legislature is concerned. Then what we propose to do is to ask each agency to come up with the plan. And this...Terry let's put it this way. They ought to have this plan at hand now if they don't have it. Then they ought to be able to dig up the resources, because they've got the employees to make the plan and spell it out and when they come back to this Legislature to report on how they spent the money that's in this budget. If they don't have a state plan, then their additional money for the next ought to be held up until they do.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, are you and I in agreement that the plan is necessary.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, Sir.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, now if that's so, and I personally think it is. When we get over to the area in which we are going to appropriate money, why don't we set forth a reasonable amount. Based upon judgement, and earmark it to the extent that at least they will have that much, and you can expect, and the Legislature can expect they will do at least that much.

SENATOR MARVEL: Earmark it out of their present budget?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes, that's what you expect to do.

SENATOR MARVEL: O.K.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Would you have any objection to that?

SENATOR MARVEL: No, and I have a suggestion. On page 4, down starting on line 15, there's Program 025 - Departmental Administration. And there is in this on line 17 you will see \$100,000 in General Funds and an estimated federal funds of \$279,617. This money and that federal figure may be higher, because there is no ceiling on it, so whatever money they get in this category from federal funds can be used to upgrade that department. Now part of that money could be used could be earmarked for this plan that you are talking about.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, will you request your staff to exercise their judgement as to what that amount should be earmarked for that specific purpose. A part of what's shown on that what we have been discussing. So that when we get to that part we can attempt to amend to be sure that we have the money to do, at least to start what everyone thinks probably might not be a bad idea.