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SENATOR NORE: I'm not saying it isn't necessary. I think they have done a pretty good job, but this will end up as a slush fund.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Well, I don't think so. I think if it does. They won't be able to use it. I have ~~that~~ much confidence in them.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR B URBACH: Well, what Senator Hasebroock is attempting to do here, I think that that office is serving this state and serving it well. I know that there are still some people dissatisfied with the answers they get from the Energy Department, Mr. Peters office. But at least there is much work to be done in that office. And I think that this is the right way to do it. And by through the back door and taking it through the emergency fund. If we are going to have an office, and I think we absolutely need an office. This is the route to do it. So we know exactly what we are spending money for and dedicating it to that particular operation and not through the disaster fund.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well, Mr. President, I agree with what Senator Burbach said. I think the Emergency Fund, if it's for snow and sleet and not for slush, so let's put it in the budget in this fashion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: I would like to ask Senator Marvel a question please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR STULL: Senator Marvel at any time when you were holding hearings on this part of the appropriations bills that...did the Governor's staff come to you and ask to have this fund increased.

SENATOR MARVEL: No, Sir. Except that members of the Governor's staff went to Washington with our members of our staff on this matter, and they indicated at that time that there would be problems come up. So they had plenty of warning on it. They just didn't get it in their budget request. It was never brought up formally to us to my knowledge.

SENATOR STULL: May I ask one more question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: How long ago was that when they made that trip to Washington? Was that in the early part of February?

SENATOR MARVEL: That's fairly accurate, yes. It's plenty of time to get it in here before this bill came out on the floor.

SENATOR STULL: O.K. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Hasebroock do you have any closing?