

trusted because they don't know what is going on most of the time, and why didn't they advise us years ago, or this year why this was going on because they didn't even know it. Now I'm not willing to give the Governor of this state a blank check. The whole intent of the body so far is to restrict to the point that we so desire to be sure that the money is spend in the area in which we desire and we will take the responsibility for it. Now, if you want a suggestion, why don't we take the twenty-million dollars and pay off twenty million dollars worth of bonds. What is wrong with that? Instead of that this administration has a bill here asking for the authority to issue twenty million dollars more bonds, or ten, whatever it is. Why would we do that? How silly can you be? Senator Whitney is supposed to be the Scrooge of this body. In-so-far as his self interests are concerned he is 100% right. He didn't know that this was going on either. Now this bill will not prohibit and as it is now amended the state from building any road that they want to as long as it doesn't meet the federal specifications for the matching of money in order to get federal funds. The bill is only for one year. The bill only says that if you wait a year, maybe, maybe the federal government will have enough funds left in which you can build the same road for 30% rather than 100%. So it would just seem to me that if you wanted to be logical about it I don't presume that you do, we could amend this bill I presume in order to direct the highway department if they don't need the money and apparently they don't to pay off that many bonds and stop that much interest. It is completely ridiculous to have the administration of this state introduce a bill to sell more bonds when they already have more money than they know what to do with. The budget committee, and I'm if I'm not right I hope that they will say so. The budget committee ~~did~~ not know that the state was doing this and that is their prime responsibility to know. They are not supposed to go down there and go to sleep. They are supposed to be inquisitive. They are supposed to use the staff to find out what the highway department is doing and as well as every other department of government. They didn't know. The Chairman of the public works, probably, he didn't know. Nobody knew what they were doing except the highway department. Now all I am concerned about and this body can go on record and say spend all the money that you can as fast as you can when you have the federal funds to match it or whether you don't. That is all that I want to say and I will ask for a roll call vote.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter has closed, however you are permitted under the rules to ask him questions. Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I just wanted to say as a member of the dumb uninformed budget committee, we knew all of the time that they had twenty-million dollars. We knew that it was state money.

SPEAKER: Senator I'm sorry, but under the rules you can only ask questions. Well I think that we have enough personal remarks and I understand your view however. Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: I have a question of Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'll be very happy to answer.

SENATOR WHITNEY: OK, did you realize Senator Carpenter that you pay off 5% bonds, twenty-million dollars, instead of putting this money out at the 8% interest that you are going to lose 3% on the two-hundred thousand, twenty-million dollars.