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PRESIDENT: The next to speak is Senator Dickinson, then Marsh, Kime, DeCamp

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President and members of the body. Senator Clark asked one of my questions. I do want somebody from the Budget Committee to comment on these things when in fact nobody bothers to explain why we ..they weren't presented to that committee. At least turned down, and then if they want to come back here and try to get them, this would be legitimate Senator Schmit. I think we should have respect for the Budget Committee and their actions. And if they don't offer an explanation as to why certain happened, then we have a perfect right and they have an obligation to get up here and tell us whether or not the request was made and if it was turned down and why.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: I would like to ask Senator Goodrich a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich yield.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Reluctantly, yes.

SENATOR MARSH: SENator Goodrich, did I understand you to say that you were contacted in November about this problem at the Medical College.

SENATOR GOODRICH: See, what I do every once in awhile, I walk into the UNO and I walk into the MED Center to find out how things are going to check on some of the things, for example, this is one of the things I wanted to check at the Med Center. We did this last year, I wanted to know since the Fort Calhoun Nuclear Plant was..is producing 83% capacity of electricity they are going full bloom up there. I wanted to know if there was an accident were we ready with this unit. I walked in there, and they took me through the unit, but it's about half done and still just sitting there and they started explaining to me that this is why they hadn't finished it, they were short of money and they were negotiating with the power districts. Now they negotiated that way up until about a month ago, and I finally after checking with them again, I said, well let's get the money and get the job done.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Goodrich, do you find it at all unusual that this problem was not called to the attention to this agency of the state of Nebraska was presenting their budget needs.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Not at all. I find th~~at~~ when Dr. Sparks, for example, and some of the other doctors up there, I can't.. Quake I believe is the other one that is responsible for this department, when we went through that problem I told them I would keep in touch with them on it, and that we would ultimately I told them we'd handle it with an amendment to the budget bill, and I'm sure they were relying on that.

SENATOR MARSH: I have one additional question. Does this mean that the Medical College without mentioning anyone's name was trying to get this through without having it go through the appropriations committee, or without having it...