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the state contributing \$80,000...and they started negotiating it out with the two Power Districts and they came to the conclusion that the power districts wouldn't do it unless they were directed by the Legislature to do it, and I said well, since this all comes out of the taxpayers pockets anyhow, whether you get it from the power districts or whether you get it from the state treasurer general fund, you still you have the general tax paying citizen pocket, so I said let's quit fooling around with it, we'll try to adopt an amendment on the floor to get the money for you to finish the unit.

SENATOR CLARK: All I asked you was when it became and November was it. It's like asking a fellow about the time and tells you how to build a watch. Another thing is when, why in the world didn't the University bring this in to the Budget Committee?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Well, because they were negotiating with the Power companies up until about a month ago.

SENATOR CLARK: We were still in session a month ago, and the budget committee and we certainly had a lot of sessions with the University Medical School after that. I think the thing that disturbs me the most. You know people can't get candy from mothers, so they go ask dad for it, and that's about what this whole thing is emanating to..from as far as I'm concerned on the budget. They can't get it from the Budget Committee so they come up here. We hear the testimony, we have people that are experts in this field. They go out and get the facts. And they can't get it..someone comes up and says here is an emergency. I can't vote for something that I haven't even heard about before.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature I rise in support of this amendment. And I'm going to say something now ~~that~~ I've been hold off for a long time. Every member of that Budget Committee is a good friend of mine, but I don't see what in hell is so sacred about the Budget Committee. Every one of the committee that comes before this body and you strip our bills to the bone, and you hang them out to dry, and we stand out here and take and we like it, and it has happened a half a dozen times to bills of ours. And it's all right, because your judgement, your collective judgement is supposed to be, I hope better than the opinion of 8 men. But for God's sakes why should we be offended when someone comes up with an amendment to one of our bills. And for that reason I think we're nip picking on this thing, and I don't mean to be critical of the Budget Committee. It's a tremendous job and there isn't anyone that can understand, I don't care if they to worked twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred and sixty five days a year they are not going to understand all these things, and I think Senator Goodrich, and I agree with Senator Stahmer, sometimes we look at these things and say that he is trying to pull something, but there isn't a harder working guy here than Senator Goodrich, and I'll buy the thing, and I think we ought to adopt the amendment. So let's not be so fussy about whether or not it went before our committee or not. Senator Carpenter, stripped 1028 to the bone, and it was a better bill than it was when it came out of the Ag committee, and I'm proud of it.