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fairly quickly. I am trying to give a fair perspective on it. That is one reason it did not survive.

SENATOR SIMON: I guess that is the path I am going to get down to. I think that the comment in terms that Senator Koch makes is certainly meritorious but if realistically if we are not going to be appropriating the money in the near future I am wondering what good it does to have a plan and I guess the other question I would ask you, Steve, the price tag on the Elks Club which has been considered, what was the price tag on that and could that type of building be used?

SENATOR FOWLER: The Elks Club? Is it earmarked? To purchase it is \$950,000...

SENATOR SIMON: Did we ever earmark that for the Elks? Senator Warner?

SENATOR FOWLER: I don't know...

SENATOR SIMON: I mean for the Historical...

SENATOR FOWLER: Yes.

SENATOR SIMON: The Elks Club, has that ready been earmarked? Have we discussed that yet? The Elks Club? If we could turn Senator Warner on...

SENATOR WARNER: Included in the LB 594 an appropriation of \$950,000 for this year for purchase of the building, well the structure and the land of course.

SENATOR SIMON: Well let me ask you this question then because I was going to ask either Senator Fowler or you, I guess I'm wondering...there comes a certain point in time when you get to the law of diminishing returns and when a building needs so much repair and renovation that it ceases to or outlives its usefulness and, of course, the longer, it would seem to me obviously, the longer that we delay on this, the more the costs are going to increase. I think the figures were mentioned a minimum of \$750,000 to...what was the figure...?

SENATOR WARNER: A million six.

SENATOR SIMON: Pardon?

SENATOR WARNER: A million six to completely replace.