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I really wish you would listen because that was a more momentous decision than somewhat that we made awhile ago. I contend and I think some of the Appropriations Committee members would contend that basically you wiped out the Legislature as far as functioning for the next three or four years from the appropriations standpoint. Now what am I talking about? All we have done now as a Legislature the last eight years is stand here and decide how much money we are sending back to local subdivisions, \$80 million, \$60 million, \$55 million, whatever. You just opened the way now quite frankly for medicaid all the way which is simply collecting it here, turning it over there. I would submit to you you are state government here. You are not county government. You are not city government. You are state government. You have now used up for all practical purposes I think your options for the next three years on any state projects, whether it is prisons or any other doggone thing because it is all going to be absorbed running back in one thing or another. We have state duties, state responsibilities, whether it is roads, universities, whatever, and I think I have voted against as many budget bills as anybody in here. My point is you just made a mistake I think when we did that. It sounds good. It sounds fiscally conservative and all that. But you don't need to come back for the next three years other than to work on laetrile or other doggone things because, abortion, whatever, because we just decided we are turning the state finances over to the counties and cities. I would urge you to reinstate these state projects which I think are doomed, and maybe you don't agree with all of them but we are state government and the Appropriations Committee apparently studied them pretty carefully and I'd kind of hope that they would even give a second look. You know it was kind of fun there for awhile when nobody thought this would pass and everybody played the bluff because we could all say, ahhhh, how wise we are, how conservative we are. My good friend, Senator Wesely, even played the game for awhile and he says, why, I just admire all of your fiscal conservatism but as a practical matter you had better take a second look or we are done.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis and then Senator Lewis and then Senator George and then Senator Keyes. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator DeCamp. I guess I want to add a wrinkle to what we have been discussing here today and that is an amendment that I had up on the Clerk's table