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SENATOR KELLY: Was that...Senator Simon, that staff that you referred to, was that the Department of Welfare staff or Senator Simon's staff?

SENATOR SIMON: It was neither. It was through the fiscal analyst.

SENATOR KELLY: The fiscal analyst staff?

SENATOR SIMON: Yes, sir.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Simon, the circulation of the editorial out of the Star this morning, I take it that the content of that editorial is approved by you as argument in favor of your amendment. Is that correct?

SENATOR SIMON: I'm not saying it is proof. I am just merely showing the body that here is a particular newspaper which feels that this body may have erred in its deliberative action last week.

SENATOR KELLY: So I would ask you this question then, do you concur with this that...now you take the vote instead of a reflection of the power of the nursing home industry over the Unicameral and partially as a result of personality conflicts between certain senators and health care professionals, and among senators themselves, that tend to stifle the rational consideration. Do you concur with that statement? Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon, Senator Kelly asked you a question....

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Chairman, I withdraw the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak. Okay, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President, first I would say this issue was not specifically before the....or this request was not specifically before the Appropriations Committee, but I assume that the action that the body took the other day on legislation would appropriately be reflected by a vote to add this money now. As I recall the other day, the body turned down the bill that would have authorized the expenditure. Exactly whether or not 50,000 would have an adverse effect on program 341 or not, I am not necessarily prepared to say other than the fact that I would think the committee did not put \$50,000 into this program as a slush fund, so I am sure that there would be some adverse effect from the reduction.