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to continue this amount whether or not we receive any federal funds in the future?

SENATOR MARVEL: I remember this discussion, it came up before, as I recall this bill, I'm pulling this off the top of my head, 235, in the fiscal note there is about eight million dollars, and of this eight million, three million comes from general funds, the rest presumably from federal funds. Now, I think your question is well taken to this extent that, no one is certain whether or not we will get the federal fund money, so we might be obligating ourselves for the total amount. Is that, was that your, was that your question we, let me put it this way, from what we have been able to gather unless some who went to Washington have additional information, Congress really doesn't know what they are going to do in the area of welfare. They wrote a new welfare bill and nobody really knows where we are on this.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now you are talking about it, does the Chair allow us to have an interchange here?

PRESIDENT: Yes sir, as long as, it's fine, you can carry questions back and forth as long as you both don't talk at once, or if you talk to somebody who is not on the microphone. Go ahead sir.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now your talking about the fiscal year beginning July the 1st this year and ending June 30th next year.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now let's just presume that we adopt this amendment and we get into the following year which is 74-75, and then the federal government may, I don't what they are going to do, they don't know themselves, might decide to get out of any matching in this field, then it would seem to me, that at that point we'd have the problem for them and now whether or not we want to some unknown degree obligate ourselves that far ahead without any particular knowledge of what the federal is going to do, and number two does this body want to appropriate three and a half million dollars, even though the federal does give us the balance.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yeah, there are two issues there and I don't think the rules have been settled in regard to what the federal government is going to do. I don't think, I don't think we know what they are going to do, for the next fiscal year, and I don't know what they are going to do for the final fiscal year. I hear rumors that in addition to the revenue sharing we have now, there is going to be special revenue sharing, but I would kind of like to see evidence of that, so I think my personal opinion is, that the budgeting that we are doing now exclusive of 235, is simply temporary budgeting and the discussion will come up tomorrow or the next day. No one that I know, can guarantee that we won't come back either in special session or have an immediate budget problem in January, under the present rules and under the present appropriations, let alone adding any more. It's strictly a fluid situation.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, am I also correct in the revenue sharing with the federal government has given to the state of Nebraska, because the element of matching we could not use that in whole or part for this purpose.

SENATOR MARVEL: You cannot use, as I understand it any revenue sharing to match federal funds, yes sir.