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SENATOR KENNEDY: This is where it has been a real difficult situation and quite frustrating for an Irishman to accept the answers that we get and when we ask for specifics, which I am sure Senator Marvel has a letter from, if you understand it, you are getting an answer from one thing, but not from the total programming and, yes, you bet, if we get an answer, I'll guarantee you I will have it here on the floor. So far, we have had no positive answer.

SENATOR CARPENTER: The reason, Senator Marvel and I contacted Mr. McManus when he was here, he didn't come for that purpose. We were talking to him specifically about 235 that we were unable to get a specific answer. He says, I'll get you one and he did. Now, I would hope because of your apparent authority and responsibility, you would take it from here.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I think this is very true. The answer that you got was on 235, if the formula that we are using. Now, we are changing the formula, which to me is real disturbing because an ordinary person, and I am real serious to this degree, that either within the region we ought to all be using the same formula.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, now, will you explain what you mean when you are changing the formula. How would that affect the letter? Are you thinking about the formula in 235?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes. 235. The question you asked was on 235, now, the way the formula has been but our Department tell us that they must change it according to Federal Rules, and I think it would be great, and I am sure that I am going to ask that question immediately, again, from our Department.

SENATOR CARPENTER: The point I am trying to make is, 235, our we changing that formula?

SENATOR KENNEDY: No, but the state is changing the formula which will upset 235. Now, if this court ruling has made a difference, I have not had an opportunity to ask Mr. Graham because he went back to Washington, D.C. as soon as that court case was ended, but if that does make a difference, then, maybe, we will have the answer and that was just done this past week. That was after this letter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I am not very knowledgeable in this field but can the Department materially change the formula which is in 235, if it's there, in order to do something to get us involved again with the Federal government insofar as participation is concerned.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I am sure they can. In fact, their intentions..their instructions from the Federal was to change the formula.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, then, all we are doing is just appropriating the money and letting them have full control what they spend, then.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Unless we tie it down, they have to coincide with the Federal.

SENATOR CARPENTER: In order to end this, can I suggest to you, Senator, and it is only a suggestion. Can, between now and the time it gets on Final Reading, will you do what you can as an illustration to be sure that this body is protected. That in the formula that we have in this bill, if we have any formula, or the formula that Mr. Graham is going to put into effect, if he does, will affect any area beyond the three and a half million dollars we are suppose to put up for the