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the time on his way out to Ogalalla to check it. One of our main problems right now is the dam at Ogalalla. The engineers from Denver claim they have to completely face the dam with crushed rock. They repaired the damage that was done last year but now they have to completely go across the dam. They have had the road closed at the present time getting that done. Consequently, they have been letting water out of the dam down into the lower Platte. This has created a problem. They are taking in about 5,000 second feet of water now. They expect to get anywhere from 9 to 11 thousand coming in and Senator Carpenter is right. It's going to create a problem. The dams that we have in Wyoming are irrigation dams and not flood control dams. They have been used as flood control dams because they were not full and they served that purpose. However, Wyoming people will not release that water until they are absolutely sure they are going to get more water because they are irrigation dams and not flood control. That's what we tried to tell the Corps of Engineers, that if we had at least one dam that could be left empty up there and used for flood control, we, probably, wouldn't have this problem. But with the tremendous amount of snow coverage in Wyoming at the present time and with spring rains coming on to help the thaw, we are going to have a real problem. Now they are going...told me that they would get back to me late this afternoon when Colonel Johnson reports in from Ogalalla and he is going to Cheyenne to meet with the Tri-county..Tri-state up in Cheyenne, Wyoming and we will get a report on that tomorrow morning.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, members of the body, in an effort to try to help in this situation, I am sure I would share Senator Carpenter or Clark or any of the other Senator's concern that were..the situation the same and I'd like to point out that the decision of the Budget Committee on capital construction resulted in the fact that we tentatively have reached an agreement where we have provided six million dollars less than the Governor provided in capital construction, so, consequently, considering we've only passed seven hundred thousand dollars worth of "A" bills, we are 5.3 million under the Governor right now and I have a motion on the desk that would allow us to pass "A" bills up to the point we exceed the Governor's and I would be willing to amend it to include up to one million dollars to go into emergency relief funds...correction, just emergency funds.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, I would like..Senator Marvel, I think he has the answer, first to get that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel, do you have some input?

SENATOR MARVEL: There was a half a million dollars put in the emergency funds..I am talking about state money now..and according to a hurried check,there has been...well, the total amount in this fund, state and federal, is about a million dollars. Senator Burbach is talking about a million dollars. So far in '73 according to a hurried check, we spend five hundred thousand. Prior to this time, the greatest expenditure in one year has been one hundred and eighty thousand, so there is a balance, at the moment, of roughly five hundred thousand dollars in this fund and there has been spend so far five hundred thousand in 1973, so there is still one half million left, including state money and federal money.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Now, Mr. President, members of the Legislature,