

March 18, 1976

SENATOR MILLS: Senator Carsten, how many "A" bills have been passed by this legislature besides the ones that you are asking to bring back? All of those that you read to Senator Duis?

SENATOR CARSTEN: No, those were bills that were still pending. Those have not been passed, Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Well how about all those bills that have been passed except those one's you are moving to bring back?

SENATOR CARSTEN: 581, 676, 752, 756 and 971A.

SENATOR MILLS: How many dollars do they encompass, Senator?

SENATOR CARSTEN: A million 275.

SENATOR MILLS: Do you think maybe we should bring those back, too, for reconsideration?

SENATOR CARSTEN: I think those have all been, now I may be wrong, but haven't those all been passed and signed? Yes, I think they have all been passed and signed. It would be a little difficult maybe, Senator.

SENATOR MILLS: Senator Carsten, the problem that I see that faces us is if we cannot justify passing those bills that we have already passed, if we cannot justify passing the bills that over their and sent to the Governor, if we cannot justify passing LB 690, 91 or whatever is to come, then I think that we are somewhat shirking our duties as a legislative body and that the motion that I made that was ruled out of order, then all Appropriation bills should be listed there so that persons who are concerned about the total amount of spending that every bill goes through can automatically look up there and say, I'm not going to vote for this bill because we have already spent too much money, and this seems to me what we are trying to look at right now is that total amount of spending. I don't think it's fair to bring it in at this point. I think that we should look at our judgement stand as a legislator, let the people judge this body as we have asked them to do when we passed a bill to the Governor's office. The legislative and the Executive branch being two separate areas, they are free to do either what they want and I appreciate what you are doing. I think we are too late.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: A couple questions of Senator Carsten's please. Senator Carsten, on the sheet which you indicate projected revenues, I see it was typed on the 18th of March or at least I assume that is what it is. Can you tell me if those projections when they were made, is that, are those projections for the last time that the rates were adjusted or these estimated receipts that there has been a new projection within recent days or weeks?

SENATOR CARSTEN: No, this is the 2 and one-half and the 15%.

SENATOR WARNER: As of last November?