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SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator, I would suggest that if it were my recommendation, I would suggest that the equipment should be changed at least every twenty, twenty-four, twenty-five hundred hours. I would prefer to trade the equipment at two thousand hours of actual aircraft time. I think that would be the optimum. We are very fortunate at this time that we are able to get a good trade in on the equipment and the new equipment can be purchased with a minimum amount of outlay because of the good condition the equipment has been maintained in. As I told you earlier the difference in the cost of maintaining the old equipment versus the new equipment next year, the very minimum \$66,000.

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And that can be expected to increase.

SENATOR KOCH: One final question. How many hours has this equipment have on it presently?

SENATOR SCHMIT: At the present time it has about thirty-seven hundred hours on it.

SENATOR KOCH: Thirty-seven hundred hours. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, do you wish to be recognized on this amendment?

SENATOR KEYES: Just one question of Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, will this helicopter, will that be bought in addition to the airplane that we are buying too?

SENATOR SCHMIT: The aircraft that is being purchased, if it is going to be purchased, of course is a separate operation. The existing equipment was purchased with highway safety money almost nine years ago. It was purchased for the patrol as part of the highway safety program. The other aircraft is not to be utilized by the highway patrol.

SENATOR KEYES: That is the one they ought to.....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, do you have any other comments to make on your amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would just like to say this as Senator Warner has pointed out, when I discussed it with him, he pointed out that I had told the Colonel that I would get the information necessary, hopefully in time for the Budget Committee to