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security pot and the highway trust funds. As I say, the Congress let him do it. Nobody really knew what he was doing. But the highway trust funds at that particular time, the national highway trust funds, were bringing in billions and billions and billions more dollars than they were paying out. There was a big pot gathering. Social Security at that time was on a pay as you go basis and bringing in considerably more money than was actually being paid out. What Lyndon did, he said, well there is no reason, since we are going to have to pay all these things some day anyway, there is no reason to keep these pots separate. We will just take all this money in these pots and we will put it all in my big pot, the budget pot, and I will give to these funds some notes, some paper, and say we owe you this. And so if you will go back and check the record you will find that even though we had the Vietnam War going full scale, full bore, it didn't show up such a big deficit because he had scarfed up the billions from these other funds.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR DeCAMP: No, we've got to have more than that. Five minutes, because I didn't use much otherwise. I want to finish my story. Anyway....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp asks unanimous consent to speak for another five minutes. Is there any objection?

SENATOR DeCAMP: It is a good story. It really is. Okay, the budget deficits didn't show up as very great, and everybody thought, well, heck, we can run two systems, but what we were doing...what we were doing when we took the Social Security money and the highway trust fund money... the highway trust fund money was building up because we were still building roads and we weren't maintaining them. That was to keep them maintained. Social Security...we didn't have such things as Medicare, Medigap, all the other programs, so Social Security was paying its own way. First of all, we take the money from these so the deficit does not show up and the Congress let them get away with it. Second of all, to make that up we print paper. Now we have increased the obligations of Social Security and because we....with Medicare and all the other things, and because we have also...we have also now got maintenance on our highways we adopt a program and J. J. Exon in Nebraska caught onto it real quick. We called it deferred maintenance so we could keep taking that money from the highway trust funds. So everything goes good for a while but some

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