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putting in this year?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Why don't you talk right into your mike and ask the question again.

SENATOR KEYES: Am I to believe you can't hear me?

SENATOR GOODRICH: That is the general idea. I am having a hard time hearing you, Orval.

SENATOR KEYES: Of the \$4 million that you are putting into it from the state general fund this year, how much was going in last year?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Zero.

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SENATOR GOODRICH: This is 4 million new dollars.

SENATOR KEYES: So this will not, no possible way then that this can remain within the seven percent of the Governor's. If there was nothing last year and we go to four million, that is not a seven percent increase.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Sure it will. Here is how. Last time we changed....

SENATOR KEYES: I am interested in how you get \$4 million without having a seven percent increase.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay, here is how, Orval. We changed this last in 1977. That is the last time these people had a raise. The '77 change went into effect in '78 so we have '78, '79 and '80 because of the fact that it will be the middle of '80 before this is effective. It would be the '81 budget, in other words. That is three years since these people have had an increase. Three times the seven percent increase would be twenty-one percent increase that we should be giving them if we were going to stay strictly to the seven percent. However, this is only a seventeen percent increase so, frankly, we are shorting them about four percent of what they would be getting if we gave them a regular seven percent increase each year.

SENATOR KEYES: I was interested in what Senator Warner had to say about \$8 million that we have to play with above and beyond the general budget that is coming out.