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SENATOR CHAMBERS: It will go into HHS's budget?

SENATOR JENSEN: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if they have something left over from the first year, that would add even more to the second year, which amount is greater to start with than was in the first year?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who at HHS did this calculating, if you know?

SENATOR JENSEN: I really don't know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Somebody could have just said, well, I think this is a reasonable figure, and we wouldn't know the difference, would we?

SENATOR JENSEN: We may not, that is correct, unless a year from now, as you're saying, go back and look.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Suppose we didn't appropriate anything. That wouldn't shut down, because it's a relatively minuscule amount when you weigh it against HHS's entire budget.

SENATOR JENSEN: Right, and...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could they come back with...for a deficit appropriation?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, our Medicaid budget is \$1,000,300,000, and so, yes, this is a minuscule amount when you talk...when you look at that total figure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if we don't appropriate anything, nothing is going to be hurt, nobody is going to be deprived, and no car on HHS's train is going to be thrown off the track, if we don't appropriate anything. Isn't that true?

SENATOR JENSEN: You know, the Appropriations could probably tell you better on that than I can. But certainly it's not a