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just happened to read, or scan, an item in this morning's paper where the university is concerned about an increase in the cost of utilities and something else, and they feel, or have indicated that they do, that they're going to have to cut other programs to come up with the money to pay these expenses, or bills, whatever they are. The Governor said he thinks that they ought to be able to absorb that amount in their budget. It's a much greater amount than what I'm talking about here. It goes into the millions. So now, with that introduction, I would like to ask the friend of the morticians a question, if I may.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, would you respond?

SENATOR BYARS: I will reply, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And there was a fellow, and I don't know if it was the <u>Life of Riley</u> or where, but his name was Digger O'Dell, and he was the gravedigger, the undertaker. And you'll notice that I did not give your name. I just said "the friend of the undertaker," and the Chair said, Senator Byars, will you respond to a question. So we're all on the same page, or digging in the same grave. But anyway, Senator Byars, have you had the opportunity to discuss with HHS what I had said about perhaps their being able to absorb this amount in their budget?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes. We have had discussions. And obviously, they would like to see us have an additional appropriation rather than trying to manage it within their budget. And I think that probably only you and I on the floor that would remember Digger O'Dell, Senator, in all due respect.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I see Senator Kopplin is waving his hand, and Senator Louden. Then I would like to ask a question of Senator Jensen, because he can give a better answer. Senator Jensen, ...and if you don't know, then I'm not going to hold you to it. What is the budget for HHS?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, would you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Just roughly. It doesn't have to be down