

out. I think this is also critical. The latest financial status with what we are recommending to do and if every bill the rest of this day on our agenda passes, that's the caveats. If our motion to override passes as recommended and every other bill passes the rest of this day, we will have \$28,129,000 left in the General Fund over the 3 percent reserve and we will have 23 million in cash reserve and we will have 9 million allocated for annualization of this year's proposed reduction carrying into next year. In other words, it's an allocation for deficits into the second year because of what we did not cut this year, we've allowed that 9 million to carry forward on the page in the form of a deficit to carry over to cover that funding the next biennium. So those of you that are concerned about Maximus which all of a sudden after many of us put our neck on the line, up until three weeks ago, wondering if it was there, now there's questions raised as it is there. I'm telling you that there's 28 million, nearly 30 million carried over in the cash,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...in the General Fund, as well as 23 million in the Cash Reserve Fund, so we are not necessarily spending it unless the body changes its mind some way. That money is being carried over in one form or another plus \$9 million for deficits that we feel, if this year's budget's overrides are annualized into the second year, we're allowing for those 9 million to be also carried over. So from my perspective, even though I got a lot of hammering about spending, I think this is a fairly prudent budget that is not necessarily saying we're going to have a bright future but it also is not as negative as being portrayed the last couple weeks. We all know our economy is somewhat cyclic, no agriculture cyclic, I mean I didn't have a very good feeling with rain this morning as I got up and most of you didn't, but it doesn't necessarily mean we're not going to have anything in Nebraska in agriculture, neither does it say...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...other things are going to be as bad...is that it?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time's up, I'm sorry, yes. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Bernard-Stevens, Crosby, Wehrbein and Lynch.