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don't know how much more we can cut operations. So we have the other three-fourths driven by education and the Medicaid, as we've talked about before, and I don't know exactly how to rein that in at this point unless we rein in people's appetites, and so your Cash Reserve Fund is helping us through next year. And I think we can count the answer in the out years, hopefully we will see our revenue come back to the point that we will stay in balance like we are. But that will not probably be happening forever.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, but another method, rather than cutting people's appetites or cutting entitlement would be to generate more state revenue. That's another way we can do it and I will use the term that people around here hate, we can raise taxes and address more fundamentally the nature of our problem if we would make a more or less permanent change say to the income tax. Now I know one legislature cannot bind another, but if we did something with the income tax, that may not be your preference, but I'm asking the question, that would go a farther distance towards stabilizing the state's finances than making transfers from fund to fund or taking from a fund here and from another fund there. Wouldn't doing something with the income tax give us greater stability than the way we're proceeding now session by session?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Additional revenue from whatever source would be a possible option, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you didn't want to say raise the income tax (laughing) and I understand. Members of the Legislature, I signed onto Senator Hartnett's bill to raise income tax which is on Select File, and I am very serious in my intent as is Senator Hartnett. If I were not convinced that he is serious, I would have asked him to let me put my name on his bill, then take his name off, but so that we wouldn't have one of those situations where somebody is going to get cold feet and back out. I'm going to start doing something also that I have not made a practice of doing while in the Legislature. I'm not going to just count votes because that, in and of itself, is not sufficient. I'm going to make contact with my colleagues to see which ones favor doing something with income tax. Then once we