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SENATOR PIRSCH: Which would change and fluctuate every year then. No?

SENATOR WITHEM: Every two years.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Every two years. So, if it goes up, your base then is higher for the next period, is that correct?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, it would be.

SENATOR PIRSCH: But, if revenues go down, then it would just be simply what the Legislature appropriates, or would we be locked into that?

SENATOR WITHEM: Oh, we...we can't...with the intent language in a budget bill, we don't lock ourselves into anything. There is no lock in at all.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. I was curious how that would be, if our projected revenues go down.

SENATOR WITHEM: Well, then the Appropriations Committee would have to make an appropriation based on the lower...the lower revenues.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay.

SENATOR WITHEM: And I assume it would probably go down, if the money that we were anticipating didn't come in, then I assume it would be lower.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for Senator Moore, if he'd yield.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Senator Moore, I'm not opposed to what the Withem amendment intends to do. I guess the question is, being consistent with other policy in the state, when we receive more money than a particular program is in need of, either through