

could have a bigger picture of the whole budget process, here is a smaller little candid shot of a piece. If we take 3 million out, we then have to go back at some point or in a veto process or Final Readings that we still have left to do and say, where are we going to take out another \$3 million? Because we are not talking Cash Fund Reserve any more, we are talking General Fund money, and it is different. We have got a new ball game. And that is fine, that is the decision the body made, but I want to make sure everyone is understanding that if you are giving a sympathy vote for...because maybe they are a freshman senator and you are part of that class, or you are a good friend here, or you feel sorry over there, or what have you, that is fine, but the wheel comes around, and that program, which may have to be reduced from the General Fund, may be yours. And that is fine if you are willing to do that. So I think we want to be very, very careful when we get to Final Reading.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: This isn't a time to say we need to give everyone a chance. We have all had the chance through the entire debate process, committee, General File, Select File. It is decision time. And I urge you not to support the reconsideration motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Hartnett, I mean Senator Baack and others supported a bill, LB 840, introduced at the request of the Governor and that bill was passed, I believe, this session and it allows a local option for raising money through taxes in order for communities to tailor the assistance they would give to businesses that meet their needs. So these communities, which are to be serviced by this road, under LB 840 have the power to raise money through taxation to purchase that railroad. And on page 2 of the Final Reading copy of LB 840 is the language "to raise sufficient capital from local sources to provide incentives for business location or expansion decisions which are tailored to meet the needs of the local community." Then you go down further and you find language, "whether for expansion of existing operations or the creation of new businesses by the use of funds raised by local taxation when the voters in the municipality determine that it is in the best interest of their community to do so."