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SENATOR ASHFORD: Just very briefly, thank you, Mr. President. This both...this is a Section 79 amendment and the amendment is in Section 79. It's a state aid issue. I think it would be germane.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Haberman and Senator Ashford, by virtue of the number of amendments, we'll stand at ease for a moment while we're checking what the bill totally consists of at this point.

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SENATOR CONWAY: By virtue of the fact that we're dealing with Chapter 79, Article 4, with several different provisions included so, therefore, we will rule that it is germane. Senator Abboud, you're the next speaker.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President and colleagues, would Senator Ashford yield to a question?

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Ashford, you've brought this amendment back before the body and it had some problems because of the other bills that were attached with it. I realize that...that in a number of the bills that we've passed here there's a considerable amount of A bills that have been added on or that will be passed, hopefully, here that are on Select and Final in the closing days of the session. Is it your intent by the passage of this amendment, the attachment of this amendment, that we would have a balanced budget?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes.

SENATOR ABOUD: And, at the current time, is it your opinion that if we don't make this necessary change in the budget that it will not be balanced for the coming fiscal year?

SENATOR ASHFORD: It's going to be...it's very fluid. If we pass everything on the green sheet now, we would be about 4.5 million above the budgeted...above the 3 percent reserve.

SENATOR ABOUD: Above the 3 percent reserve.