

should not count on commissions being able to withstand what the Governor does when the Governor gets you to give him a \$6 million slush fund. I'd like to ask Senator Engel a question since he's the first name on the bill to see if he can give me the information and this is not going to be an interrogation, Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: I certainly appreciate that, Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Engel.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Before you brought this bill did anybody discuss it in detail with you from the Governor's Office?

SENATOR ENGEL: They certainly did.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Did they tell you that the Governor has sole authority to spend this money and he does not have to accept the advice of this commission?

SENATOR ENGEL: That was not my understanding.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If you read the bill, do you see anything in it which says the Governor must heed the advice of the commission?

SENATOR ENGEL: Well again, Senator Chambers, you are as steeped in legalese, I am not. This did go through the committee. Different ones have looked at it and it was my understanding that he does not have sole authority, but you might interpret it differently and perhaps the way it is written, perhaps that's what it says, but it's not the intent.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, well let me ask, thank you, Senator Engel, Senator Brashear, because he is a lawyer and he's also on the bill and he is an expert in economic matters.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator...oh...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, would you turn to page 3.