

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay.

SENATOR BROWN: About controls, other controls on the SOS process.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brown, are you telling me that based on what you just informed me of, this situation cannot happen again with reference to any agency or department of the state?

SENATOR BROWN: I would be quite surprised if something of this magnitude and the immediacy of the problem would happen again.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. You were very careful in your choice of language and I want to be blunt. Are you telling me this cannot happen again?

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: I don't believe it will happen again in SOS.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If a Governor were of a mind to deal with the Legislature as was dealt with in this instance and information was not given by way of a budget request but a deficit appropriation or deficit authorization was requested at a later date, would we be back in the same position we're in today where we have no choice other than to comply?

SENATOR BROWN: We could be. I'll come back again to what my argument is. I think that we should be glad that the Appropriations Committee asked the kinds of questions that we did, helped bring this situation out, helped resolve it, and I think that we have to have faith that the Appropriations Committee will continue to do that in the future.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think the Appropriations Committee did its job but remember, you...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...didn't have the information earlier.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robinson followed by Senator Schrock and Janssen.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I call the question.