

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, Senator Chambers would move to indefinitely postpone the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers, to open...Senator Wehrbein, you have the option to lay it over.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No.

SENATOR CROSBY: Go ahead. Senator Chambers, to open on the motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, the reason I stood up because I expected we would take it, and Senator Wehrbein and I are having so much fun. I think all of this that I'm talking about ties into what we're going to be debating when that budget bill comes out and we're going to deal with part of it now and part of it on the budget bill, and if we ever get off the budget bill, we're going to deal with it the rest of the session. I'm going to fight against any provision in the budget bill that will count on money that does not even exist. Now if you want to talk about smoke and mirrors, that is the crowning example. I can understand Senator Brown trying to salvage a shred of dignity for the committee and on SOS I give it to you, Senator Brown. I give that to you 100 percent on that, but you've just, not...the committee has just erased it by counting this money that doesn't even exist and we're always out here lectured by the Appropriations Committee. You've got to deal with hard facts. You can't deal in make believe. You can't deal in fantasy. We're dealing in dollars. These are real dollars. Let me ask Senator Wehrbein a question or two, if I may.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator Wehrbein, you know that as Chairperson of the committee, you're the point person and I know you don't make decisions as one person if a vote is taken, but you wanted this job and now you have it. Do you and your committee consider this Maximus money to be real dollars?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, after much discussion, yes, we do at this point. We think it is very reasonable to expect that there