

see, that is 17 million. If you look on your green sheet that started today you'll be able to see some of the A bills that are there that I would urge you to take into account, as we move through this budget if we spend more than 17 million here on the floor the money must come from somewhere else. There are many A bills moving through, some fast and some slow, but all of those will have to be taken into account as you face what we have for reserve. There's also the bill...the special ed bill that is capped at 12.9, that is also moving through. If that were to go through there would actually be a savings of 12.9 at this stage to add to the minimum reserve. So there are several scenarios, I will just point out some of them. Most of you will figure out your own scenarios. I simply wanted to call that to your attention. The committee feels that this is a responsible, I will call it a just budget, obviously it is balanced, but it does cover many of the areas that many have concerns. Part of our thought as we built the committee (sic) that this is one, this is the budget that the committee is willing to stand strongly behind, realizing not everyone got the things that have been requested, the agencies didn't, individuals didn't, other areas of interest did not get that they wanted. But we feel this is balanced and I would ask you to keep in consideration as we move through the amendments that whatever...this is like a giant balloon and if it bulges one place there's going to have to be a contraction somewhere else, or we will simply have bulges every place and will not end up with a balanced budget. And, of course, obviously the Governor will have the last say, and that has been discussed, too. We feel that this is a responsible budget. We've had to pick up several millions of dollars in federal funds, replacement of federal funds. We've had...that's our percentage of match is drawn from 60 down to 59, down to 58, which is on another page in there that I would call your attention to. As I said, many of the details are in here, if you'd like to go through them. Page 14 gives a summary of the General Fund overview, the operations increase, the state aid increase. And so, with that, I guess I will just simply go back and ask if there's questions on a specific area, or any other questions you may have.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Robinson. I beg your pardon. I'm sorry, Senator Robinson, we have an amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Madam President, I do. The first amendment I have to