

years, within the next fiscal biennium, would still show the \$3 million appearing, but there would be brackets around that. And in the totals, the \$6 million would be subtracted out. So you will see the \$6 million savings that we will...that we will create by the bracketing of this bill, even though the numbers will still be there. So I want to bring that to your attention, because still, potentially, when it is not bracketed next year, if it continues to move, then the number would have to come back on the sheet at some point. So actually it's kind of a compromise, in a way. For those of us that say, no, we should just kill it, this is a compromise by those that understand that we don't have the money right now, saying let's take it off the sheet, let's take the \$6 million off, we still have about 6 to 8 million dollars yet to find. But maybe the picture will improve next year, maybe the Forecast Board will do what it did next summer what they did this summer and that's...we were looking at \$138 million shortfall and we ended up being down about 12 or 30, something like that, before session started. We might be in a surplus and we could do it. I'm willing to do that, and I'm willing to keep that, Senator Engel's priority bill an option alive in the next session. But I also know when you look at this session, on the priority...on the numbers that we have, that we can't afford it at 6 and we can't afford it at 2, because all you do then if you say, well, I don't know if I want to bracket it, I may support it later just at a lower level. If you support it at \$2 million, that just simply means you've got to find another 2 million somewhere else to cut because we have to cut minimum of \$12 million, minimum of 12, and that's not including any bill on General File, by the way, the 12 million. And that would assume that you want to be right at the 3 percent reserve requirement, not any couple million dollars, you know, fudge factor there, right at 3 percent. So we really need to either kill the bill or bracket it because we need the dollars, we need it for ethanol, we need it for special education, we need it for the other areas that Senator Beutler is talking about, we need it for the bills, all the bills that are pending on Select File and Final Reading, whether it be again the EPIC Fund we've talked about, the human services portion, the Medicaid portion, all of those that we need to do. So I rise in support, I know it's a tough vote. And I will conclude by saying when we get to this time of the year, many times many of us start out the session saying, this is a good idea, I'd like to support it, but as the session develops, the picture changes, the dynamics change. And the dynamics now that are going to be here until the end of the session are we've got