

think everything will be all right. We think the rules and regs might be able to waive, might be able to give you some flexibility, but we don't know, but we'll come back and fix it next year, don't worry about that, we will fix it next year. And in the meantime what has happened? I'm just going to take my school district. You can ask yourself the question on your school district. In my school district what would happen if they got some special ed costs that overrun because maybe a couple of kids moved into the district, they had very, very high multiple disability needs. They would have to meet those needs but they will know something from the Legislature. We passed LB 613, and I know we're going to, which lowered their levy...their amount that they can...on their growth. We lowered that, gave them less flexibility because we wanted to get tough on property tax and, in the meantime, we stopped their funding because we thought everything will be all right, but we also kept all the mandates. We kept them all, Senator Bromm, every single mandate. We haven't changed one. You haven't changed one statute for the rules and regulations. They've got to do it. Where do they get the monies, because we're not going to give it to them? Even with a 5 percent growth, they're going to be hit hard, folks, and I'm willing to do that. I'm willing to do 3.5 percent. Even at that level they're going to be hit hard and we're also telling them that two years later you're going to be hit even harder, you've got to prepare. But to do this the way this is for right now I can't help but think we're not talking policy because we all agree what the policy needs to be at the end. We're talking money this year. Senator Bromm, I want to ask you a question. Would you agree that if your amendment would stay the way it is, would you agree that any savings that the state gets above the 6 million dollars you'd be willing to put...shift that into the cash reserve?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: I'm not planning to spend it anywhere else as far as that's concerned, but I wouldn't want to make that decision without... ;

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That...

SENATOR BROMM: ..advice (inaudible).

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ..that answered the question. Senator Engel, would you yield...