

SENATOR BROMM: ..appropriations.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ..to a question... to a question? If we saved \$12 million with this amendment we just agreed to versus the 6 million we're going to save, would you vote to take the extra 6 million and put it in the cash reserve...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Engel.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ..so we don't spend it?

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, Senator Bernard-Stevens, I agree with Senator Bromm, I don't think we should...I have no other plans for it.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That's fine. That's fine. I rest my case, I think. I'm going to push it further. Nobody wants to take the money off the table. Nobody wants to say we're going to save the dollars, we're going to make this from special ed and we're going to take it off the table because we can use it for our community-based programs and juvenile justice or the prison we're going to need or that rainy day we're going to have to have. Nobody's willing to take it off the table, but they're not willing to spend it, but they know it will be spent because look at the A bills out there. They can't pass their A bills unless they save 6 million more dollars. Senator Engel can't pass his LB 425 unless he finds more dollars, pure and simple. Well, I'm not going to fund economic development from special education kids. It isn't going to happen here if I have anything to do with it, and I'm sorry I'm this intense. As Senator Will said one day when I got intense, he said, David, take a pill. I probably need to take that pill about now, but I feel so intense about what we're doing for money that I will not, if I can do anything, allow this to go at this level. I'm not closing the door at some level. I can't let it go at this level. If the other side doesn't want to come back with something, that's fine. Then we'll have zero savings in special ed. Look at your green sheet and see what zero savings does on your A bills. Then you don't pass anything if you want to have a balanced budget or you go ahead and have an unbalanced budget and give it all to the Governor. That will be your choice. And, yes, I know I'm the one that's making that choice. I know that's not fair. I know that's being an obstructionist possibly. That's just how strongly I feel and I can't change