

Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Senator Wehrbein, would you yield to a question? It's a straightforward on the budget on the green sheet.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: On the green sheet now with the...if we had a 5 percent growth, which, obviously, we have a...we don't have...we have a zero growth now, but on the green sheet with the 6 million dollar savings, would we have been able to pass all the bills on Final and Select File as they now are and not go into deficit?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: You mean with the bill...the bill as it is at this point.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, the bill as it was with the 6 million savings.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No. But you...I can expand on that. It's, instead of 9 million, it's...the new one tomorrow is going to show 3 million though...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ..so we're within 3 million.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. So...so, Senator Maurstad, I understand what you're saying and I concur. You don't ask senators on the floor questions unless you know what their answer is going to be and you'll notice I didn't ask you because I think I knew you would say, yes, you would support me on that, moving it to the cash reserve fund, and that's certainly one of the amendments that are there. But, Senator Maurstad, let me give you a little...relate you a little story I had last week. At the end of the week, I kind of went towards the administration and I asked them, is there any middle ground, and they said, I don't know, let us get back to you. And they got back to me and we met very briefly and I can't tell you that...I'm sure this probably did not come from the Governor, this came from staff, but you know the one thing that they