

Senators Brown, Avery, and Wehrbein.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President, members, there seems to be, obviously, some confusion on the subject. I am pretty sure that the letter that I read before was cc'd to Senator Wehrbein and Senator Schimek and were getting that information. I think Senator Wehrbein is shaking his head yes that they did have this letter, and with...from the committee. And as soon as we get it copied, we'll provide it for every member on the floor, but I wanted to make sure that that communication, that you knew that that communication did go to the Appropriations Committee and to Senator Schimek. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the body, I wonder if Senator Schimek would yield to a question, please.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek, will you respond?

SENATOR BROWN: Senator, when we had people...all the agencies that came before us for mid-biennium budget requests, the question that I always asked was, is this an emergency, and so I would like to know, is this an emergency?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, Senator, I think it is to those...to those students who want braille; yes, I think it is an emergency. I mean they have...the way that the group have said to me, when they learned that the bill had been killed, and I explained to them why, they said, well, we have students that were in the second grade or the third grade when we started working on this issue, and now they are sixth graders, and now they are still not going to get it. I mean to them it is an emergency.

SENATOR BROWN: But...but the question is more not...it is not an emergency in terms of the issue, it's an emergency in terms of the process, and what I'm very concerned about is maintaining the integrity of the biennial budgeting process. And so if, for us, we have to have something that we can justify as something that was not anticipated or not dealt with by the Legislature, and...in last year's budgeting process, and when a bill is