

what I would like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question if he's available.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Wehrbein, would you respond to a question, please?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Wehrbein, I know the appropriations process is a very long and arduous and you go through a lot of things and obviously as a member of the Revenue Committee we go, this session at least...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: You just don't give us enough money.

SENATOR WILL: No, we...well, you know, there's always that tension, but in fact this year in particular we've gone through much the same process or a similar process at least on the property tax measures; and I know, you know, there are votes and votes and votes and you can't always, you know, recall them all or the sequence. But I guess could you just, and maybe you've done this and I didn't catch it and if so I apologize, but could you kind of outline the process that the committee went through in approving the...did the university and the state colleges come in and request reinstatement of these funds? These were funds that were vetoed last year, is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR WILL: And the university and state colleges came in and initially requested reinstatement of these funds...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR WILL: ...whereas the community colleges did not.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's true.

SENATOR WILL: But then at some point the community colleges did decide that they would request that, right?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would say they did on an informal basis. I don't recall a formal request, but informally they would like to have been treated as the others. Remember there are two