

With the seriousness of the property tax issue and some others, we made the decision not to allow for it in our budget particularly and even at that time, when we, before the Forecast Board, we would have had room in that at the 25 million dollar level that was taken off the board of the Forecast Board, there could have been allowance for that in there at that point.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: But the, in fact, based upon that the bill was killed in committee last year and bottled up in committee this year, the normal course of action would be that we would only...I mean the normal course would be we would only account for it if, in fact, there was...it was out on the floor and had moved along far enough where we thought that it was going, you know, would be adopted. Is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right, or at least had...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ..some serious debate.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: The other...the other...one of the other swipes that they unfortunately took said that the Appropriations Committee proposal did not take into account the Forecasting Board scaling back the receipts by 25 million dollars. Is that correct?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Did not take into account.... Well, we...we'd...we were in an awkward situation in the 28th of February having put together the budget. Hopefully we would have liked to have had more in cash reserve. I think that was the goal of the committee when we started, or at least have more money above the minimum reserve, but because 25 million was taken off the board again by the Forecast Board it left us in a fairly tight situation, which I'll acknowledge and I did acknowledge that when we opened on the bill.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: That...and that's correct and so...but in the discussions during the committee we discussed the potential that a scale back might occur and, in fact, that was taken into consideration and prior to our making...having to make that decision before the Forecasting Board made theirs. Is that