

correct also?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's right.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. And the data and the information that the committee has been...the committee Chair's been sharing with the Legislature has certainly dealt with the 25 million dollar scale back in all the information that it's been providing to the Legislature, hasn't it?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: The handout that I think you previously handed out and that I handed out again shows a status comparing the committee's action and the Governor's actions and if I'm reading this correctly it says that the budget that's before us has total uncommitted funds, prior, of course, to the amendments that were adopted on General File so far, total uncommitted funds of six million, five hundred and...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ..forty-seven thousand, one hundred and forty dollars. It shows that the Governor's proposal with the February forecast of 25 million dollars less is a negative 24,000,871 dollars. Now, I think that the Governor's been quoted as characterizing the committee...the committee work as a spend budget and his work as a save budget and I was wondering if you would like to comment on whether or not the committee work is a spend or a save budget.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, it's probably difficult to categorize it exactly, but the point really being that we had to work with the, our ultimate budget, the bottom line, had to take in account the Forecast Board and so it did and so a way you...with playing with figures, it made...it made our work more difficult. Once again I...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Warner, followed by Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WARNER: Yeah, Mr. President, I wondered if Senator Maurstad would respond to a question or two? You got my attention.