

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Generally. I could be more specific, but you're generally correct...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ..in terms of the numbers, yes.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: So we...we have accounted for the minimum reserve and also put some additional funds into the Cash Reserve also, haven't we?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: At this point, yes.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: And it's not as much as what we would have liked to have done...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ..and I know what the Governor would have liked to have done, but it's what is available...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's right.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ..if I.... Okay. Thank you, Senator.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein, if you have a closing, we would be delighted to hear it now at this point.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, Mr. Speaker, members, there's plenty of room for discussion and argument on what the Appropriations Committee should or shouldn't do. This is our best guess at a given point in time, best estimate I guess you'd say as of February 28th or 29th. We were put in a little bit of an awkward position because of the decline in the forecast. I guess it's something that you can assume will happen. You never know exactly how much. Sometimes it goes up, sometimes it goes down. I do not take lightly the fact that 25 million dollars was taken off the board, as insinuated by some. Perhaps we would have been more difficult in our...or been more discrete in some of our spending proposals had we known it was going to be lowered that much. On the other hand, many of the things we did and I, the reason I handed this out about significant General Fund money mid-biennium adjustments that we did, a lot of them