

if there is funds after encumbrances are allowed, to move that. And there generally is no need to have that money go back and forth, directly to your question, at the end of any particular quarter, nothing is gained, particularly as long as the provision is still there to cover expenditures in the event the General Fund is inadequate

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I appreciate that, and I have a much better understanding. Again, I still want to follow up with one other question. Even though... And I appreciate the fact we're not changing the part that if we're...if we just have less dollars and we're short that we would still have the transfer. But the cases you're eliminating are those that the projection was off, not necessarily the...the receipts may be lower than projections, but the receipts are still adequate to cover...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...our cost. That would not be transferred. And I guess the question, I've got my light on again if I need to, the question I'll ask is, what harm was there when it was transferred for that case, as it was this summer, what problem did that cause? Or are we...is there another motive that's not yours necessarily, that maybe someone else in the executive branch that would like to see more dollars in the Cash Reserve Fund that could be used for something. Is...that's what I'd like to get into when there's more time.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Bernard-Stevens, I cannot respond for the motivation of others. But I can respond for mine, and as I see it, generally speaking, when we are moving money into the Cash Reserve Fund that tends to be one-time money. If it's a sustained case of shortfall, or a sustained...

SENATOR WILL: Time.

SENATOR WARNER: ...expansion of the economy, then a later session of the Legislature can move money, once you're comfortable that that...that that is a dependable growth that's going to be there over the long haul. And if it's temporary in nature, if you're having a shortfall and we move money over there from the Cash Reserve Fund to cover that shortfall, but that shortfall is going to be an ongoing reduction in the growth of receipts,...