

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Brown, if we do this, and I'm not necessarily of a mind to do this at this point because, in my sense, we're giving all of our...all of our decision-making capabilities and abrogating them and giving them to the executive branch for this biennium. And I'm not personally willing to do that. But before I come to that total conclusion, I want to ask a couple questions. This in essence takes, what, \$14 million off the table and transfers it out of the General Fund into the Cash Reserve?

SENATOR BROWN: Correct.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: All right. So what does it do to the overall bottom line when you take \$14 million off the table in regards to our budget, if it was passed today in its present form and sent to the Governor's office?

SENATOR BROWN: If it were passed today without some of the...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, as it is now. I mean, yeah, as it is right now.

SENATOR BROWN: As it is right now, we would have a minimum reserve of 3.18 percent of the biennial budget.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And for the most...for the most part what would we have if we kept the \$14 million in there?

SENATOR BROWN: We would have the same thing, and plus we would have...we have \$6 million...let's see...\$6,989,000 that we have...well, I'm sorry, no, \$6,473,000 that we've kept out for other bill...A bills on the floor of the Legislature.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Would it be a fair assumption that if we passed this amendment we would basically put the Governor, force the Governor into a veto mode, whether it was political or not, and for the most part a lot of our discretion of overrides would have gone because there simply in theory would be no monies?

SENATOR BROWN: The Governor, I believe, is probably going to be in a veto mode one way or the other.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, I understand that. Taking the