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need to spend the money, if we decide that we need to construct the \$55 million...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...facility...penal facility, then we can vote to take the money from the Cash Reserve Fund and put it back on the table. It's really not a difference of money, it's a difference of how you get it back on the table.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That's not...the question I asked though is that when 1290 passes and the amendment on it, that's on there now, would be the E clause with...if we don't do the 14 million, in essence that does give the Legislature some flexibility, does it not, more flexibility than if we do this amendment?

SENATOR BROWN: If what you want is flexibility to spend, if what you want is flexibility to look to the people who might be locating here as if we're being responsible, and I believe that we made the commitment last year to be responsible, that was the whole...in my estimation that was the whole thing about the decision to put the \$20 million into the Cash Reserve Fund.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Brown. And I'll speak to it a little bit later when I have a little bit more time, next time around.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Senator Brown, you're going to feel like a yo-yo, but I do need to ask some questions.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Brown.

SENATOR WITEK: I want to make this whole issue clear from the beginning. In the first budget that the Governor gave us involving Maximus funds, his budget was \$70 million from Maximus, correct?

SENATOR BROWN: No.

SENATOR WITEK: How much money was he expecting from Maximus at