

strongly oppose the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I think I'm...I think I'm beginning to see things a little more clearly now. And I have a few more questions. Senator Wehrbein, maybe you could answer a question for me. Is the \$45 million figure, Maximus figure, a one-year figure, or a two-year figure?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Is this Senator Wehrbein you're asking?

SENATOR WITEK: Yes, it is.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein, could you respond to a question?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR WITEK: Is the \$45 million Maximus figure a one-year figure or a two-year figure?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Two years.

SENATOR WITEK: So we antici...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Or it's actually a little over two years. It's the money that we felt Maximus would be available to us over the period of time that they go back. I think it might go back a little beyond two years, although the total might cover 30 months.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, a little beyond two years. We...okay, we anticipated this over two years' time, and yet we're making an adjustment after less than a year actually, approximately a year, from what we just decided.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, remember, it's actually the way we're parking the money. It doesn't make too much difference if we park it next year or this year, it's money that is to come. If it doesn't come, we still have appropriation authority for the expenditures that we're committed to.