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LB 1189, 1290

SENATOR BROWN: I think hiding behind LB 1290, I supported LB 1290, I think it will solve some of the issues, but it will not solve the essential issue which is that we have zero balance in our Cash Reserve Fund. We will, with the adoption of 1189, add 3.9 million as of this June. Why not add the money that we had intended to go into the Cash Reserve Fund this June. I don't believe it changes one thing about our control, in fact all it does is solidify the way that we have handled it, which is being very responsible to set aside the \$20 million to hedge our bets on Maximus, we've done that and then to put it into the Cash Reserve Fund because our Cash Reserve Fund is depleted. In terms of saying that it's going to be difficult for us to react, I don't see how it's going to be any more difficult to react than it is right now, it's just going to require deliberation by this body about whether or not we want to spend the money, and if so on what. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Brown. The call is raised. Senator Lynch, followed by Senators Wehrbein, Witek, Chambers, and Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I guess I do see the five hands. Question...I mean I see more than five hands. Question before the body is, shall debate cease on the motion to reconsider? All of those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye. opposed vote nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate is ceased. Senator Wickersham, yeah, that's you. Yeah, Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will yield the initial part of my opening to Senator Wehrbein.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, I'll just take 30 seconds. I wanted to say this is appropriations...part of the appropriations process. This was appropriating money next June. This brings it back to this June. I support the reconsideration. The money is there is just to...is not anymore