

there than next year's sales tax receipts are there, that next year's income tax is there. It's simply accounting for the money. I think it's a form of discipline that is appropriate and that's the reason I support the reconsideration and doing it for this year instead of next. And I'd like to give my...yield my time back to Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: And I will yield the balance of the closing time to Senator Brown.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Brown, you have a little more than four minutes.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. We have a \$2 billion budget, we have the cash in hand, we are not compromising our position with our cash...the constitutionally mandated cash reserve, minimum balance reserve. And we have a savings account, the Cash Reserve Fund, that right now is sitting at zero. We have \$14 million that we intend to put in our savings account, it's just a matter of when we're going to put it in. It makes absolute sense to me to do it now rather than doing it later since our Cash Reserve Fund is at zero. And I think everything else is just a matter of us trying to keep the money on the table for us to make it easier for us to spend it. And I don't think that that's the responsible thing to do. I don't think that's what was intended when the Appropriations Committee set aside this money to be put in the Cash Reserve Fund, and I don't think it was what was intended when we developed the budget and adopted it last year and developed the budget and adopted it this year. And had we known last year that we were going to be at a zero balance in our Cash Reserve Fund, we would have probably made the transfer earlier. It just is...to me is the responsible thing to do. And it is for me all about us and all about us having control and all about us making the decision, because we have been the one all the way along that have made this decision, and we have been the ones all the way along who have been responsible, and this is to me the final act of being responsible. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is, shall the Wickersham amendment to reconsider the vote on the Brown amendment, taken yesterday on LB 1189, should that motion be reconsidered? All of those in favor vote yes, all opposed vote no. Record.