

to replenish a fund that was eliminated, is at zero because of receipts not coming up to our estimates, is a responsible thing to do. And that is the only reason that I'm doing this, it is because I am a member of the Appropriations Committee and I feel allegiance to the Appropriations Committee because we were responsible and because I am a member of this body and I feel allegiance to this body that we be responsible in handling it. I agree that we are the ones that control...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...the budget, and that's what we are doing with this decision, we are controlling the budget. If it's not about making it easier to spend then vote for my amendment, put it in the Cash Reserve Fund, replenish the Cash Reserve Fund, it doesn't cause any problems to our cash flow, and it makes us once again in control and responsible. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. The question now before the body is, shall the Brown amendment be adopted? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk. Record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 1812 of the Legislative Journal.) 28 ayes, 4 nays on the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I just want to explain why I'm going to vote against this bill. There are a number of reasons, but it is mainly because of that mind-set relative to the construction of more prison space. I think it is inappropriate, ill-advised and a sham. I think it is a political move during a political year, and were this not the year of politics, we would not be building those Quonset huts. But because it is the year of politics and the last vote demonstrates that even further, not that my little vote makes any difference, but I'm going to vote no on this bill. And those who vote yes had better pray that they don't have a bill