

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. I just wanted to clear up some of those points for the members, as we continue to work through some of this process, in that I think that some of the feeling might be that the Legislature was demonstrating some type of gross misconduct by the budget that was presented to them along with the A bills that were also presented to them that took us a couple of million dollars under the general reserve, given the fact that there was an increase in the cash reserve, and given the fact that everyone knew that the Governor...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: .. was certainly going to veto a number of the dollars out of those...out of the program. Of course, none of us knew specifically where that would be. So I don't think, and I guess the whole point of my discussion, I want to thank the Chairman, is that I think the Legislature has again acted in a very fiscally responsible fashion and that any discussion to the contrary to me would not be accurate. Thank you, Madam President.

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

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Wehrbein, if you would yield to a couple of questions.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Roger, and, again, I was trying to listen to your explanation, and to be honest, I missed part...portions of it. I understand we are dealing just with federal dollars, and so it is not going to be a money change, as far as the General Fund status, and I recognize that, so a vote yes or no is not going to affect anything as far as the status is concerned on General Fund dollars. I understand that, but the way...the way that it is now with the Governor's veto gives DPI the flexibility of using the federal dollars in operations in areas that they feel is of a higher priority in this, is that correct?