

is bound by the forecast board's numbers, not someone's crystal ball of what they believe the numbers may be in the future. We are only bound by the fiscal forecast board's forecast. At this point, with the Governor's vetoes, we are \$12 million over the 3 percent reserve. Let me repeat that. At this point, we are \$12 million over the 3 percent reserve. Can we do this 600,000?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes. Will it put us below 3 percent? No. If in the future the forecast board downgrades the revenue, will that make us have a special session? No. If in the future, between now and January, we get...we fall below the 3 percent reserve to 2 percent, will that make us have a special session? No. The only time you will have a special session is if you get to zero between now and January where government cannot function. No one is saying that that's going to happen. No one is saying that that is even a remote possibility of happening. It's not going to happen because you are looking at somewhere around \$108 million and that's not anywhere close to the \$12 million that the people are talking about in a potential reduction of revenues. So this will still keep us on the 3 percent reserve. In fact, we'll still have a million, four or eleven million, four...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...above the 3 percent reserve, and it doesn't have anything to do with a special session, so, consequently, we can do it if the desire is there.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Okay, thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Maurstad. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Madam Speaker, members. Senator Bernard-Stevens, I think you and I have had this discussion somewhat, and...but I think I need to make it clear from my point because I was one of those that made a commitment. I was one of those that said to Senator Bernard-Stevens is that I think there is some money that needs to go into this particular program, and I will do what I can on Appropriations to do that, and I was the one that offered the suggestion on the Appropriations Committee to take the monies for looking at expanding the programs across the state, and when also the