

budget, on local budgets in the future. I think I would urge all of you to join in overriding this veto and restoring this money. I think it continues the commitment we made to move in a different direction in our handling of juveniles in this state.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President. I had a question for Senator Bernard-Stevens but, apparently, he has decided to skip out, so I will ask Senator Wehrbein, if he will take a minute to respond.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Wehrbein, this is sort of a replay of a year ago at this time, and I asked you a question regarding the budget. As I recall, you said that...you responded in the positive that all of the money that was appropriated is committed money that we have no choice but to follow through on, is that correct? Those dollars that the Appropriations Committee sets forth are dollars that we are going to have to have.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Or committed to being spent that way, is that what you mean? Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, the problem I have, and I am not going to support the override motion because my problem of it is those dollars are committed but the estimate of the dollars that are coming in, there is no assurance in any way, shape, or form those dollars will actually be there, is there?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, they are all best estimates based on the day.

SENATOR VRTISKA: And I think you remember a year ago, I talked about the wet weather we were having, and how devastating that could be to our economy. Now this year we are talking about dry weather and how it could impact, and I recognize that agricultural sector of this state does not support all of the...is not that big an impact on the overall budget. However, the influence from the agricultural sector throughout the economy certainly is a factor, isn't it?