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the next year, the fall of 2000, when you would get a check, adding some more money from, as I understand it right now, General Fund plus some from the Cash Reserve. If I am clear, there's not room for both of the...there is room for both in the budget, but you're going to have to acknowledge it. You're going to have to acknowledge it somewhere else if you want to do both of these and...because the Governor doesn't have it in his budget. On the other hand, as I started out to say, we're still working with a lot of estimates and we have lots of work to do between now and spring to know exactly where our differences are with the Governor's budget, which is the only whole complete budget you have at this time. We, ourselves, will have the best idea here in about three weeks. And so I don't want anyone to be misled. If you do both, there will be some other adjustments going to have to be made. If you want to do both, it probably can be accommodated, but many of those difficult decisions are going to be down the road and we're going to have some major decisions, by the way, in NETV, in some information technology issues in other areas and those kinds of things that are going to have to be yet to be understood and resolved. And so I just want to be clear on that at this time about the process more than anything. On the note of the LB 149 itself, I have supported it. I think we've made a commitment to the schools. I think you can make the case that it was an error that we made. It puts them in the unfortunate position of having to pay for it if we don't keep our commitment, but there was errors made in the estimate. It's part of the difficulty in having the estimate made so early, in this case was November 1st, the "respin" came in December. We're looking now at February when the numbers are going to be accurate. So, as we make these transitions, some of it has to do with the motor vehicles change that we made, we had many things happening in the last two years, it ought to really indicate that we have made a lot of changes in the last few years...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...and it's not always difficult to get them fine tuned, but I think you ought to look at that in that light as we make some of these decisions in these transition areas. Thank you.