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fail-safe that says that you would actually recalculate those numbers, recertify that, if we don't appropriate enough money to fill that in?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'm not...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Do you understand? Let's say that...let's say that we think there's...we're short of money and we...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...we choose not to appropriate as much as what's certified. I mean that...Senator Bohlke talks about autopilot. Let's say that we try to flick the autopilot off and say we're just not going to put as much money in there. I don't...we can't do that right now, as I read the current law.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: If I'm following what you're saying, no, I...I don't see...we...we...that's the reason for the certification process. Certification process means nothing if we don't meet those obligations.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Right, and so if we want to do what some of the...I mean a lot of this is discussion off the microphone as well, is what...what do we do if we don't want to spend that much money for state aid to schools and there, short of a statute change, there's nothing that we're going to do.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would agree.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Okay. And I think that's important for people to understand here as well, is that, you know, let's say at the bottom line and whenever this bill moves and gets on to Final Reading today, if it gets there, and we say, look, we're more concern...we think that this is the right thing to do; we like the idea of changing the respin; we like the idea...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...of changing the date that we certify; but what we really don't like is we don't want to spend any more money. That's not available, short of a statute change, to do.