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every day.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: It will continue to get heavier every day. So they were estimating there's probably potentially about \$441 million in costs that will go with closing some of those railroad crossings, putting bridges over others, putting in stoplights at other crossings. That, of course, won't all come out of state funds, but there are going to be some requests, I am certain, that the state help with doing some of these projects. I can't even imagine all the other items that might be out there, but I do think that we have to think about the future and we have to think about what's doable over the long term. I do have some questions of Senator Wickersham, but I will turn my light back on because I believe that my time has expired. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Members, if you could keep your conversations down or take them off the floor out of respect to your colleagues. The speaking list is Senator Beutler, followed by Jones, Landis, Brown, Dwite Pedersen, Raikes, Vrtiska, Kremer, and Schimek. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I did pass around to you a chart showing the Cash Reserve Fund and if you have a moment and the interest, I ask you to take a look at it and let's talk about that chart a little bit. First of all, most of you are quite aware that we have two reserve funds. One is the statutorily-mandated 3 percent reserve and that reserve was always designed to deal with year-to-year fluctuations in our budgets, not designed to look at the economic system in the long run and to deal with the long-term cycles in revenue increases and decreases but designed to deal with short-term aberrations or changes of one nature or another that might cause us to go over in expenditures. So we have that 3 percent reserve. And then you'll see on this chart that in the year 1983-84 we created this new Reserve Fund and it's not a coincidence that that Reserve Fund was created in that year because that was the time when we started to go through the ag crisis of the mid-1980s. And it was also the