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people, because of the way I feel about...having experienced...

SENATOR BOHLKE: But...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that mid-80s experience.

SENATOR BOHLKE: But Senator Beutler, what you were recommending was taking it and putting it in the reserve fund that you described as the rainy day fund, which then, you have to have special legislation and all of those things. If we go to allow the minimum...if I understand this...if we let the minimum cash reserve go up, the Appropriations Committee then has more flexibility if eventually receipts are down and we need to do some things. Is that not true? Would that be the difference between the two reserves?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That is certainly one difference. And Senator Warner's philosophy, I think, when this was set up was that the rainy day fund should be a matter...when you take money out of there, it should be a matter of specific intent, and that intent ought to be...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to soften the downside of the economic cycle, and you ought not to be taking money out of there for other purposes. We can get back to that.

SENATOR COORDSEN: (Visitors introduced.) Proceeding to our list of speakers, Senator Wickersham, please. Is Senator Wickersham in the chamber? If not, we'll pass over Senator Wickersham and go to Senator Vrtiska, please.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I rise in opposition to the Beutler amendment. I...I'm not as knowledgeable about this financial business. I don't belong to the Appropriation or the Revenue Committee. But as I stand here and listen to the debate, it sounds...I don't mean this disrespectful, but it sounds more like a game than it does an actual issue. It sounds to me like we're playing with numbers for the purpose of in some instance trying to fool the public, and I in some ways don't agree with that philosophy. I'm a