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SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. A number of you found on your desk a brightly colored paper that says, if it makes you wonder call this number. I can tell you that the Crime Stoppers came to my office during some of the tragedy...tragic events that have taken place recently in schools to offer their assistance and help to schools. This is one plan that they've gone forward with. These are available in any number that you may want for schools in your district. But what I also wanted to tell you was that each of you will be mailed this notebook soon to present to one of your schools on conflict resolution for children. I think it's excellent material. You will see on the cover the three groups that have worked together to present this notebook, and then they will also be distributed to your ESUs for other schools as a resource material. I think we all know there's not one answer to this, but I do think that as people search, conflict resolution is one that certainly any thing...progress we can make with that with children may help prevent some of those tragic events. So I wanted to tell you, when you receive this, please present it to one of your schools and inform them that other copies of the notebook would be available to them through their ESUs or by contacting Crime Stoppers. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Wehrbein, on a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members. I call your attention to the hottest piece of paper in the Chamber that I just handed out, the most current as of 9:35 this morning on the status, and I want to call your attention to the middle...there's two sides. That's one thing I wanted to call your attention to, but the front page, the General Fund status, 22,544,240 as of exactly right now; 3.6 percent in average growth spending over the last two years. The bottom line is the cash reserve. We'll end up this year at 150,789,000 at the end of the biennium, 64,789,000 with everything in it as you can see. The issue on that will be, if revenues fall, that will have the impact on that in addition to the 22 million will drop and then also the cash reserve will ultimately drop if we have a decline in revenue. On the back is the summary of the bills that we passed in the last few days, primarily, the spending