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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if that money were to be spent by the Legislature, it could be spent for whatever we decided was necessary down to a certain, maybe, amount that we wouldn't want the fund to be lower than.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's true. It would go into the base spending, but yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, I would not suggest that that be done. Yes, I would suggest it, but I'm not going to try to do it. I'm just trying to kind of wool gather and speculate here. I am going to offer an amendment though, and that's all that I'll ask you at this point. Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. I'm going to offer an amendment because I think we are making, again, policy decisions. There is a tension here now between the Governor's Office and the Legislature. He has said do it my way, only my way, or hit the highway. Now what I'm able to do right now, based on the form of the bill, without an amendment is write the names of those who oppose it. After it's amended, I will amend my list and I can write the names...additional names who will oppose it. How do I know that? Am I a mind reader, ESP? No. I'm a politician. Other politicians are on the floor of the Legislature. I see the Governor's flunkies out there now. You know why I use that term? Because they have conducted themselves in such a way not to be worthy of any other designation. The disrespect, the bullying, the insulting of members of the Legislature in front of others demonstrates a basic lack of respect for the institutional nature of the Legislature and every member therein, of which I am one. So if that's the way they want to do it, they can do it that way. They don't cast votes on this floor. They have people who cast votes for them, but they don't push a button on this floor with their own finger. So I'm going to offer an amendment so that there can be additional discussion of just what it is we are doing and why. I know what we are saying, but that's like these songs: his lips tell me, no, no. They always sing it from the man's side. Well, let a woman say it: his lips tell me, no, no; but there's, yes, yes in his eyes. She's talking about going into that money that's supposed to be set aside for his children's education, so he's saying, no, no.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.