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says right, we were a hundred and sixteen or seventeen, so you drop that by twenty, so that makes ninety-seven.

SENATOR RAIKES:      So it would make it...so it's something less than \$100 million on a \$2.7 billion budget. So you're less than 5 percent, less than 4 percent, something like that, in terms of a contingency fund to operate against potential further...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:    Yes.

SENATOR RAIKES:      ...revenue losses or anything else that might cause a reduction in...okay. Well, thank you, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:    That's subject to edit. We're still working that final. I'm working from a previous worksheet, so I just want you to understand it's a ball park number.

SENATOR RAIKES:      Okay. All right. I do think that I wanted to mention I think Senator Chambers raises a valid point, is that the Cash Reserve, which is the state's buffer fund, if you will, against these sorts of "unforeseens," is something that is not paid a lot of attention to, and \$100 million seems to be sort of a standard number. I can remember back in the late nineties when we were doing the tax cuts, the just...or the...one of the reasons given then was that, gee, we're...our Cash Reserve is getting up to \$200 million, that's way too much money, let's transfer money out of the Cash Reserve and use it to support a tax reduction, which I think is what we did. Nonetheless, I think any money you put in the Cash Reserve is a detraction from whatever it is you can use to support spending. That's simply the case. On the other hand, if you're not totally sure that we've hit the bottom in terms of revenues, it's probably not wise to reduce that fund too low. And, furthermore, there are some other items. One of them that comes to mind is the low-level waste suit, which presumably would cost \$150 million or something like that. Nobody knows when that might...if that in fact would happen or when, but nonetheless there are those other reasons to consider the Cash Reserve, if you will, as a worthy recipient of revenues. Again, I don't know what to do about this particular amendment, but I think it does at least raise a good point that the Cash Reserve is something that we