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the state, and so it ended up being earmarked. And so actually I can...at this point, I can justify these. Like I said, if you were starting over, you might want to reconsider. But as both Senator Schimek and Senator Beutler said, we have commitments and there's quite a few people out there depending on these commitments. So at this stage of our life, regardless of our financial condition, I believe those commitments ought to be kept, because the alternative would be that then they'd have to come in to the committee, I don't know whether there's room this year or not, but to get reallocated some of these resources. And as I look at most of these, I think the odds would be fairly great that we would try to continue those commitments. So whether we would actually end up saving any money, I'm not sure.

**SPEAKER BROMM:** Time, but you may continue, Senator Wehrbein. Your light is next.

**SENATOR WEHRBEIN:** Thank you, Mister...Senator, Mr. Speaker. I will...about ready to quit anyway. But anyway, I think that we ought to keep our commitments. It does provide some consistency to those agencies that are using them. I think they've been considered. Research, for example, is a long-term commitment. Recreation facilities for Game and Parks is a long-term commitment. Now you can make the answer that education is a long-term commitment. That is true, but we have increased greatly our support of education in this state over the last 10 or 15. We've made major strides, particularly K-12. And, by the way, they still have access to the K...to property tax, which is supposed to provide stability. And I don't ever see us getting away from the property tax simply for the fact that we need stability in our schools and we're letting that bounce up and down, if you will, but there is stability there. So I would urge you strongly, I was going to say just urge you, but I feel we ought to strongly not support this because I think it is critical to those that are using it now. As those commitments go away, we can fade away. MIRF is due to expire, and some of the others are due to expire, albeit some of them are a long time out. But if we continue forward with MIRF, we are going...that will be one that will go away, depending on the will of the body, here in a few weeks. Thank you.