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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. I will simply, I guess, waive closing. You've heard what I have said. Difficult decisions, but these, in this case, must be made. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Question is on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 402. All those in favor please vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Committee amendments are adopted. Discussion on the bill? Chair would recognize Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Wehrbein, just a couple of questions. I notice the first one on that list is an even \$10 million, whereas the rest of them are sort of more specific looking dollar amounts. How do you arrive at the \$10 million number there?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President and members, Senator Raikes, I don't have the specific details. This one was offered by the administration in their bill for...in child welfare. It's in the child welfare shortfall. I assume it was rounded off to some degree. That's a very large program and so it was probably rounded off.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay, but the general notion or principle here is that there was an obligated...there was an obligation to provide a service in the previous year, that there wasn't enough money appropriated for the agency to perform that service, so this is the...this is the overage that needs to be paid.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It's in this year that we're in right now.

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes. Okay. Thanks. Well, I notice the last several items there have brackets around them. They're minuses. How...explain those to me, if you would.