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have gone over some of the Cash Reserve transfers that occurred here in order to help us through this next year's budget, which I wanted to emphasize this is what we're talking about, this next year's budget starting July 1 through June 30 of 2005. And it is...there is an explanation of it on page 9 in the blue book if you wanted to be brought up to speed, and there is also historical balances in the General Fund. We are using some of the General Fund to balance. It does take it down to just under \$70 million, which we think will be adequate for cash flow under a fairly pessimistic scenario, but that is our proposal from Appropriations Committee at this time.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Further discussion on LB 1090? The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question that's broader than just this bill.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, how often do you think we will be able to make these kind of transfers if we don't do anything substantive in terms of addressing the problem of revenue shortfall for the state? And here's what I mean by that, transferring money from one fund to another, using stopgap measures here and there. At some point aren't we going to draw these funds down to a point where we can no longer balance the budget in that manner?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, perhaps so, Senator Chambers. When you talk about the long term aspect, which I am going to take the liberty assuming that's what you're talking about.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: We have parts of our budget that are being driven by entitlement to the point that that's really our dilemma. One-fourth of the budget is basically operations and I