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or the organization of counties?

SENATOR STUTHMAN: It was brought to my attention as serving as a county board of supervisors individual and realizing that, I think it was in 2002, that we had to adjust our county budget because we were not receiving the sufficient funds of reimbursement from the state that we were supposed to be getting. And I had that in the back of my mind and all the time that when the appropriate time would come I felt that I should be doing it. And this is the first time that I had the opportunity to work with a new budget for the next two years that I could try to...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: ...adopt something.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. But based on what Senator Pederson read that the law says that this appropriation shall not exceed \$3 million, it means that nothing need be appropriated at all. Isn't that true?

SENATOR STUTHMAN: I guess you could interpret it that way. But...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If they...what...the state is not obliged to appropriate any amount when there's just a maximum set. There's no amount that it is obligated under any interpretation of the law to appropriate, is there, or reimburse?

SENATOR STUTHMAN: I guess you could say that. If they put a maximum amount on there, that would be the most that they could ever reappropriate, and they probably wouldn't have to do anything. But I think that would be not a good practice to do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator, and thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman and Chambers. Senator Stuthman, it is your turn next to speak.