

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, I have a question for Senator Wehrbein.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: yes.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Do you propose any cuts in expenditures to offset this? This is a half a million dollars, is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's right.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Do you propose any cuts in appropriations to offset this?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: We didn't have one in mind at this time.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay. So that would... that would reduce the cash reserve, is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: This will reduce the amount of money left for A bills from 17 million to 16 million, roughly. We have 17 million there on the line for A bills right at this point.

SENATOR ROBINSON: So you're saying this... your proposing this would take the place of one of those bills then, is that... is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It could fit in there. We've got a 12,300,000 that we... is moving along for special ed. There are others, there are others that may not go forward based on this need as perceived by the body.

SENATOR ROBINSON: So you're saying the Appropriations Committee sees this as a number one priority of the money left for A bills that has not been expended.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I think you could make that case realizing we haven't debated the crime bill and maybe that's a good time to bring this up.