

reduce people or have some other commitment in order to pay a contract that the state has approved of. But the reason I changed my mind, it happened the last couple weeks, and that's when I started reading this National Conference of State Legislatures review that we all received as to the budget action by Congress. And as I went through that obviously there's not numbers, I've seen some in the paper, at least on Medicaid where there was anticipated reduction. But as I thumbed through this I could see a number of areas that appeared to me very well could result in a demand on some state funds for the funding of some programs, many of them are aiding local government more than state government, but nevertheless, areas that I could see that coming. And while I personally have a preference for a higher reserve, always have had, with the vetoes, from my viewpoint, that reserve is not too high. But because when I read that I decided, at least for my own votes, that I was going to sustain the vetoes, notwithstanding the fact that obviously they can be met from the current available revenue, but because of my concern of what the state may be compelled to face a year from now, or certainly within two years, that building up a more adequate reserve was a prudent thing to do. Also it's important, from my viewpoint, to understand that when we build up that reserve there's a significant reduction in federal funds that creates a problem for the state. You got to have more than just the dollar amount in that reserve to cover that increased cost, because that's one-time money. Reserve is one-time money. And if you need 40 million next year and you've got 40 million in reserve that you can cover it and that's what you need to do, you're not going to have that 40 million the follow year, it's used up. So you would have to phase, you need a reserve that's large enough that you can phase in the use of that over two, or three, four years. But for those reasons I will not be supporting overrides, other than the one area that I indicated, and that's because I believe there are contracts that ought to be honored. And other than that,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...I probably will not particularly talk on any of the override motions that remain, even though I'd be the first to agree that there are certainly things that would be nice to be done, some could argue that should be done, need to be done perhaps, but I'm comfortable with leaving it as it is. I do wish that the Governor might have left one of those items of either the inflationary cost or the salary or the vacancy