

SENATOR LINDSAY: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...that's been an ongoing issue.

SENATOR WESELY: Uh-huh. So at some point I would like to find out what...what the status was of that. Thank you.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, Senator Moore, could I ask you a question?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Moore, would you respond?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I've been looking over these...this 330 and trying to decide, and I guess a question I have is if all of these are put in there, how close are we going to come to a shortfall? And how do you propose...or do you feel there will be?

SENATOR MOORE: I can refer you to the green sheet and show you. If you look at the bottom page of the green sheet, I can show you if you advance LB 330 with all the bills we've enacted, and that would include...that would include the dollar amount that we talked about in the Medicaid bills, I mean, you would have a surplus of 20 million...well, \$18.2 million this biennium, but you will see you have a 43 million problem in the out biennium there's a variety of assumptions like a 5 percent salary increase for state employees, 8...the funding level of LB 830, which I discussed before, which gave me that 43 million dollar problem.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, that's why I brought it up and I was wondering, based, obviously, and I guess everybody understands that, many of these things are based on assumptions and we don't know what those...how correct those assumptions will be. I was interested in listening to Senator Warner's discussion about the direction we might have to go and the Band-aid approach, and I guess that's what bothers me more than anything. We tend to deal with these things, obviously, not being around here only just watching in past years, these kinds of issues, and I'm just wondering do you, Senator Moore, have any thoughts about how to