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years, five years, and Nebraska personal income over that five years, what we're looking at with the 3.5 percent is still about half of that average over that five-year period, and less than Nebraska personal income has gone up. So, I offer that to you as an option for us to discuss, which is somewhat different from what the Appropriations Committee put out. But I don't know about you, but I think there is a need to have some discussions here on the floor for new programs, and to have some flexibility on the floor for new programs. This would give us about \$15 million in A bills, according to the...the Appropriations Committee figures. So I ask you for your consideration of this amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. For discussion on the amendment to the committee amendments, Senator Wehrbein, followed by Kristensen, Beutler, and Brown.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. For those of you that are following the handout that I had, General Fund Financial Status, with the numbers on top and then the box on the bottom, also Senator Schimek's would fit about the third one down, line 33, 34, so that you understand exactly what we're talking about. And I want you to recognize that those numbers are somewhat arbitrary within that spread; that is an example of what you could do, 15 million each year for revenue bills and for revenue...I mean, excuse me, A bills, and for revenue bills our reserve is 25 million. That's simply an example. Those could be adjusted within that. These...when you're playing with these numbers like that, it sometimes gets complicated, but that gives you an idea of how it would play through. It doesn't mean you couldn't do more the first year, less the second year, or vice versa, and still have it come out to the average of 3.5 percent. So I want to emphasize that's an example. I'm going to very quickly move on with what I was talking about on page 8 of the yellow sheet, just so you understand some of the increases. And I will not take a lot of detail. But I will point to you water litigation, for example, is increasing again for us. We have an increase shown in there for this year. We have a deficit showing for this year, which we will get to later, 1.9 million. We have increased money put into this for the Wyoming lawsuit. We're also starting to prepare data for the Kansas lawsuit. We are probably over