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those that think the taxes are too high, and those that think that roads are lousy. And that's our job, to do that balancing, and it's not an easy job, and I think it's the same job we have in here, to balance what we think Nebraskans are willing to pay. I've never heard anyone ask for more taxes regardless. Or is it our job to try to maintain a quality higher education system in this state?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Senator Redfield has asked that we start talking about numbers in connection with this matter rather than the philosophy of education, but they are so intertwined, it's a bit hard to separate the two. The only reason that we have a quality university is because we, the citizens of the state, furnish sufficient funds for that education to develop and to be the quality institution that we want it to be for our young people. And without that commitment of money to accomplish that, we're not going to have a quality institution. I looked at the...at the General Fund financial statement that Senator Redfield has circulated among the group, and it shows \$114 million off from being in balance during this year. What Senator Redfield is talking about cutting is about \$4 million out of the university budget. Now, let's just compare the two. If you cut 4 million out of a proposed deficit of 114 million, number one, it's not going to do any...any substantial inroad into that deficit but, number two, it...you have to see what that effect will be on the party from whom you take those funds. And we, in the Appropriations Committee, Senator Coordsen, did not approach this with the idea of any preconceived notion as to what should or should not happen. We felt that our function on the Appropriations Committee was to evaluate each of the entities that were coming before us and to make an assessment as to the effect that the various cuts that were proposed would have upon the quality of those services that our people expect of these agencies, and the university is one of those. Now I have circulated among you a cumulative effect of budget cuts to the University of Nebraska, and I would draw your attention to that, and you will see that...I think we tend to forget about the fact we had a Special Session. It was so much fun, I just