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had to drop three full-time employees, and that's going to move...move on down. The only way that they can...they can cut at these institutions is on those...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...on those peripheral areas and a lot of them have to do with...did you say time?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, there is a temptation to make this cut, but I think bottom line in the end on balance for myself I don't want to do it and I cannot vote for it. One thing that I simply wanted to bring to your attention and I suppose it's...it's a bit of a historical perspective, as I see it, so you know we're going through a period of time where our population is aging here in Nebraska, and both nationally. And there are going to be more people over here at the end of this...of the life span, who are not working, who are not being productive citizens, and there are going to be fewer people over here who are the managers of our economy and the workers in our economy. And if these fewer people are going to be able to keep us at our relative level of wealth and to improve the situation, hopefully, this smaller number of people is going to have to be better trained and better educated so that they, themselves, the people in the economic system, are more productive. That's the first element of productivity. And the second is continually evolving technologies. You put together evolving technologies with more productive, better trained managers and workers and with fewer people we can keep the economic engines going that make us wealthy and that allow us to take care of the poor and the indigent and all of our other social problems. And the main institution for productive managers, for productive people to run the economic engine is the university. And one, perhaps the most important engine for evolving technologies in the state of