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**SPEAKER BROMM:** Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Thompson.

**SENATOR THOMPSON:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Just to point out a few things that will maybe add a little bit of life to some of the numbers. And, Senator Erdman, I appreciate the information you sent out. And I'm just trying to digest it, so it came up a little quicker than I planned. But one of the things that the Appropriations Committee did look at...and when Senator Wehrbein mentioned that HH...Health and Human Services cut, when we're talking about jobs now, we're talking about people...we're losing the federal match. So when you're talking 150 jobs, that's in state dollars. We're probably looking at 300 with the federal match. Also, the Erdman amendment, one of the things we looked at were the Commission for the Visually...Blind and Visually Impaired, Deaf and Hard of Hearing. We added money back, because in some cases that's almost a four to one match, and we wanted to make sure that we were at least able to add to the basic level of services that need to happen for some of those disabled people. And so the difference between the Appropriations Committee and the Governor in these aren't going to sound like big numbers. They're on the back side. But it's \$16,000, \$18,000, \$35,000, \$25,000, "\$26,000-ish" numbers. But that's just the piece of the match that's going to bring in a lot more federal money to help people with some of these services. And it is very difficult to go through at this stage and see some of the things in real terms that we were talking about as a committee. Also, in terms of the Attorney General's Office, what the Attorney General's cut will be to, at least as it was presented 'n...to our committee, which is one of the reasons we put one of these pieces back, was for the child abuse prosecution team at the state, that was put in place...it's been there for a long time. And the reason it was put in place was because child abuse prosecution requires some special training. It also requires people to be able to testify, to bring people in for the examinations and other things that go into to the prosecution of that case. And it wasn't something that was happening at the local level, because of the problems with having people in the county attorneys' offices with that level of expertise. And as a state, we don't want to see children living in situations, being kept in situations where they are harmed. And we don't