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that...and we apply for waivers, and we cannot get any help through those waivers. Correction facilities. We're growing at an average, since 1979, of 9.17 percent a year, while our General Fund revenues are only growing at 6.86 per year. We rank forty-seventh in the nation in the number of people we place on parole. And I so appreciate the Judiciary Committee, with LB 46, and all those that worked on that, that are trying to take a look at how we do in corrections, and how we deal with people on parole. Higher education. Nebraska ranks seventh in the nation in a per capita state and local government expenditures for higher education. Our per capita expenditure is \$631 per person, while the national average is \$476. And I do so appreciate the education system that we have in this state. But can we do it better? And can we do it with less expense? I have...four out of my five children have gone through higher education in the state, and I'm very appreciative of that. But I'm just looking at where we've been and where we're going. State aid to schools.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: Nebraska has still 517 school districts, with a population of about a million seven. There are 3,344 people per school district. That's far in exceeds all the states around us. Colorado has 25,000 per district; South Dakota 4,000; Iowa 7,800. What I'm saying is, we cannot maintain the direction that we're going. I would have accepted a figure of 250 to even 300 million dollars in revenue. I could not accept when we got up to 340. And it was a stretch for me to even go that far. So I hear from my constituents...I have a large number of senior citizens who are on a fixed income. They don't have another dollar to spend for taxes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Combs.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you Mr. President, members of the body. I too, being a freshman senator, have been thrust into the