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and make speeches for our folks, but we're still going to have to deal with something like that because of the shortfall that will be there. Again, LB 379 is on Select File and it will produce \$70 million over the next two, three years. It's for the out years more than anything else. But it would do a lot of healing. I think you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Cudaback, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President and members, I guess this is an issue that everybody wants to get their opinion out there. We think our constituents and everybody is glued to the T.V., the papers, or radio, listening to what we had to say, so I guess I'm no different. Who would have guessed, who would have guessed four years ago that we'd be in this so-called mess we're in right now? Who would have guessed that? I wouldn't have, because I'm not a very smart person, I guess. But I wouldn't have guessed that. Who can guess where we're going to be in three years? We can only guess by the record. We've been in 11 slumps since World War II. We're in a slump. Do you think Nebraska is going to stay in this slump? No, absolutely not. Better times are ahead; tomorrow, maybe. We could get out of this just as quickly as we got into it. We would not have guessed...I remember the day when Senator Wehrbein told me three years ago, Cudaback, you'd better stick around here because this advisory group is meeting that's going to forecast us doomsday and he said, you'd better say because we have to vote to change the budget. And I had to go someplace in Kearney, had more important things to do than here, I thought. I didn't really have, at the time that was small potatoes. He said, you can go. They said we was going to have \$2.6 billion. Guess what? We didn't have it, but we guessed wrong. On this item here, I think probably the body has been reluctant perhaps. That's okay. That's okay, but we have to move on. The point is, we have to move on. I think we're being very pessimistic. If we keep this "gloomsday" attitude, you know, we make our own bed. I think the only thing we...borrowing words from somebody else, can't remember who said it, fear and fear itself, however that saying goes. I really do. Let's get with it here. Let's go on. Nebraska is not dead. We've got a lot of things, good