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can pass that and we can also, along with my former theme, say no to the tax increases that I outlined before. We can do that and fulfill our constitutional obligation as state senators for the state of Nebraska, because I have always felt that first and foremost our priority as state senators, as set forth in the constitution, is to put forth a budget that makes sense for the state of Nebraska and that balances. And I am saying that it's my opinion that we do not have to raise taxes at this time. We do not have to unduly burden the citizens of the state of Nebraska at this time. And so as a result of that, I would urge you not to do it at this time. We can't tell what the future holds. The future right now looks uncertain. The future right now looks, quite frankly, grim. But we shouldn't exacerbate that future and we should not disappoint the citizens of Nebraska, and we should not put an additional burden on them of additional taxes at this time. So I would urge you to vote against the Janssen amendment at this time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Quandahl. Senator Smith, on the Janssen amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Sorry.

SENATOR SMITH: ...and members.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Go ahead, sorry I interrupted you.

SENATOR SMITH: That's all right. Thank you, Mr. President, members. A comment made earlier on planning ahead on what would a business do, and my gut feeling is that a business, the first thing they would do is look at expenses. And I understand that there's been a lot of work done on examining those expenses. There's a lot of work done that rejected a further examination of expenses this year. There was a rejection of further examination of expenses last year. And I know that those of us who are at the standpoint of enough is enough when it comes to taxes were criticized for not proposing an idea. Ideas have been proposed and they've been rejected and that's fine. That's part of the process. I have no bitterness because of that. But