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deal holistically with the entire General Fund in every two-year period and make decisions with respect to what is most worthy of funding, regardless of where the source of money may come from. The other conversation we started to have, and I hope people are interested in talking a little bit more about it, is the conversation about the coming collision next week, and I don't think that's an overstatement, between the Appropriations Committee budget, which allows essentially for \$10 million a year of new spending and/or exempted revenues, and the demand that may be forthcoming from the Revenue Committee for business incentives in the amount of I'm not sure how much. And maybe a good way to open this conversation would be to ask Senator Redfield, since she's been on the Revenue Committee, to discuss with us, to the extent that she is able at this point in time, what the form of business incentives and what the dollar amount of business incentives might be forthcoming from the Revenue Committee. I don't want to put you on the spot, Senator Redfield.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator. Senator Redfield, would you...

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. No, I'm not on the spot. We do have a bill that we have held in committee, LB 312. We are still working on the details of that package. I will tell you it's more money than I'm probably going to make in my lifetime but I'm hoping that the package that comes out will in fact make Nebraska a lot richer in the days to come. And the details are still being worked out so I can't tell you exactly what we'll arrive at, but I will tell you that we need to improve the business climate in this state or we will see a mass exodus of the jobs that we now have. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I couldn't agree with you more. Could you give us some idea of whether we're talking in the range of...in terms of the total package that might come out here and the cost, either through exemptions or appropriated amounts? Are we talking in the range of \$20 million, \$40 million, \$60 million, 80 million?

SENATOR REDFIELD: Are you talking per week, per month, or per year, or per lifetime?