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public school teachers. This step will greatly aid in attracting and retaining good teachers for the young people of our state. You also provided substantial increases in support for all state post-secondary institutions, the community technical colleges, the state colleges and the University of Nebraska. Number six is criminal justice and law enforcement. I believe the Legislature acted wisely in placing responsibility with judges instead of mental health boards for the release from custody of those acquitted from violent crime by reason of insanity. Progress... real progress is being made in construction of the correction facility to be built in Omaha and the new penitentiary will be opened here in Lincoln this fall. Number seven on roads. The Department of Roads is moving toward becoming a department concerned with all forms of transportation as it has been made responsible for the Missouri River Marketing Office and for the study of railroad service to the state. We are in the first year of a new method of raising revenues for streets, roads and highways, thanks to the leadership of Senator Warner. A method for determining the amount of revenue needed has worked well. I believe and I know there is some real controversy on this, Senator Haberman, but without this new source of revenue our state highways would be deteriorating rapidly. Number eight, goal setting for Nebraska. Project 2000 headed by Lieutenant Governor Luedtke has sought to find out what Nebraskans want changed in the next ten years, and thousands of Nebraskans have participated in these meetings. And although many of these sessions were held in your districts while the Legislature was meeting, I am appreciative that so many of you attended the Project 2000 exchanges. Number nine, jobs. The Legislature passed a bill to exempt from sales tax any machinery for new or expanded manufacturing facilities. This will create more and better jobs for Nebraskans. It will attract new industry and encourage our businesses to expand. The Legislature has also provided an additional \$500,000 to stimulate international trade. This will help more markets for our crops, for the foods we produce and for the goods we manufacture, more and better jobs. Lastly, number ten, taxes. I have given the ten points in a different order today than I did in 1979. That's so I can now stress the matter of taxes. Since I became Governor, we have held the line on state sales tax rates. We have also reduced the state personal income tax rate from 18 to 15 percent of the federal income tax liability. That is a 16 2/3 percent reduction in the state income