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Point three: Each Nebraska tax payer will not be paying \$300 more in Nebraska taxes this year as has been alleged. Point four: Cal Carsten's deceleration of the acceleration or whatever, there is no question that the Department of Revenue projections obviously missed the mark because of the unexpected severity of the recession. I would like to emphasize that many other states have had that same problem and also in just recent history Governor Exon in the mid 1970's also had that same problem. More importantly many businesses and other people are having cash flow problems around our state right now also. Point five: State finance management is going to continue to be rough in the short term. We have difficult cash flow problems yet to come and you of course have helped us on this. We appreciate it. I assure you that these problems will be handled as best we can. Point six: Lastly and probably the most important, Nebraska is basically looking good and has a bright future indeed. When I was elected Governor three and a half years ago my challenger at that time said, "Cooperation with the Legislature would not work." It wouldn't work, you remember quite well. I disagreed then and I disagree now. After all we are working for the same bosses, the people and tax payers of Nebraska. Now to be sure, I heard some of it on squawk box tonight, occasionally there is going to be some sharp honest differences of opinion. But, no, absolutely no, I assure you, that I have made no misrepresentations to anyone, of any kind. My word is good. Sure, some of you are obviously marching to another drummer. And, so be it, a very healthy situation in our political system. The heavy majority of you here have been sincere and constructive and merit deep thanks and appreciation of all Nebraskans. You have been dedicated and this has been a proud and a constructive legislature. I guess I don't have to tell you the budget this year has been cut and cut and cut again. We have reduced it by over a 160 million from what was requested by the agencies only a few short months ago. Some good programs were not funded as you or I would have liked. It was indicated very briefly in one of my points without a doubt though Nebraska has a very bright future in the long term. Our land and water resources are among the best in the world and as Governor I will continue to promote better agricultural prices any way I can, through more exports as Chairman of the National Governor's Association and as Chairman of the President's Ag Export Council Committee and through personal efforts with foreign governments. Lastly, we will aggressively continue to seek to locate food processing industry and any kind of economic development for Nebraska. Disturbing reports again this morning on unemployment in this state and that hurts some