

days after it took 70 days to put this budget together. So it's the only place we have to discuss the budget. I have basically voted against all the things we're trying to add in here now. I voted for some of them, probably wrongly so, but it's...you pick out a few big high spots in that budget. I think capital construction, for example, is way, way, way too high. If we would take \$11 million out of capital construction, we could then fund 27.5, \$400,000 projects that would help all the people of the State of Nebraska, not just a few people where the site of capital construction is. So I have a question, a dialogue I would take with Senator Moore. And this is not a criticism, this is a question. I don't know what all goes in your budget process but I do know, in making out a budget, when you increase it 20 percent over a two-year period that's a big increase. Like you said, it's hard to defend it. Well, how lean and how mean is this budget? When we finally get to the final day how about an amendment that would take 5 percent out of it right across the board? Is it so lean and mean that there are certain agencies couldn't stand the 5 percent? South Dakota at one time years back done it across the board. They said everybody howled about it, all the agencies, but they lived with it. How lean, how mean?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, we've done across the board cuts here in the last few years and, obviously, you have increased the budget but, I mean, you can live without any of it if you want to, not any of it but...

SENATOR KORSHOJ: No, no...

SENATOR MOORE: ...the (inaudible) of Medicaid you have to do but there's things you don't have to do in there, lots of things.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Because, see, we're talking about...I agree with you, we're adding, adding, instead of subtracting and I had high hopes we would be subtracting instead of adding.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I can say things...some things I, personally, would vote on subtracting but I don't think it would get 25 votes.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Uh-huh. I think we're looking at the wrong...

SENATOR MOORE: It's a lot more fun to add than to subtract.