

years by allowing the issuance of bonds to pay for capital construction. Is that a saving? No, it's not a saving. That's merely a delay. And on down the road, we will be expected to come in with some money. Now by what right do we have to conclude that we will be in any better position in three or four or five years to meet those payments than we are now? Number two, LB 3, this is going to save 13.6. How do you save it? Well, of course, like we always do, we shove the cost back to local government, up the ante on the property cost. Real savings for us folks, isn't it? Puts the pressure on the schools and the cities and the counties, everyone else back out there. To take care of those problems with foster children and other wards of the state, we're going to shove it back. If I'm wrong, I'm sure someone will correct me. Not a very good savings. Oh, then we get to LB 20. There's where we really save money. We're going to really save money with LB 20 because...and this is what Mr. Rush Limbaugh says, calls for real courage on the part of a Governor. He strikes out at the unwed children, young ladies who are getting from \$73 to several hundred dollars per month, that we're going to save about \$5 million there. So, what happens? Suppose that just five of those ladies out of a thousand have a premature baby because they didn't have proper care? And someone is going to say, oh, well, they will have care, we're not cutting that. You know what it's like not to have ten bucks in your pocket to get to the hospital or to get to a doctor? A lot of my people, I know, don't. And I'll tell you what, we delay these costs but we add them to the total bill. Why are we here today? They said because of the cost of Medicaid, and on this hand here with this passage of LB 20 we may very substantially increase the cost of Medicaid. I suggest, ladies and gentlemen, that it's time to be realistic. It's time to stop playing the shell game. The World-Herald and I editorial writers very rarely agree, but this morning's editorial was on the...was on target. We're not revenue short, we've overspent and we overspent when we knew that we could not continue the kind of spending that we had started. LB 1059, I stood on the floor and voted against it because I said we will never fund it at the 45 percent that we promised and, thereby, we will...we will visit upon local school boards additional responsibility which they will have to fulfill; aid to the teachers, same thing, promise more than we can deliver. It goes on and on. Now, MIRE is not a big program but we promised something and now we're talking it away. I think it's far better for us to embark upon an across-the-board policy and then, secondly, a moratorium upon hiring. Ought not