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that sought to deal with \$3 million of it. We dealt with \$900,000 of it and now we're killing half of that. Now I probably will go along with this because I suppose there's some weight to be given to the argument that you ought to look thoughtfully at these things. But I tell you I feel very upset that we are not coming to grips with the very thing that seems to me is the problem. And I think we're making things harder for us next session by not biting off a piece of it now. And for myself, I would just like to express that and for people to know, not people in here, but my constituents to know that come next session I really expect some reform in the Medicaid area. I think there have been a couple of...we've done really well at this special session, but there are a couple of flaws in the diamond if cutting a budget can ever be compared to a diamond. And one of those flaws is we haven't dealt with one of the core problems--Medicaid. And not only is it just a matter of dealing in response to what the federal government has dealt us so far, but I think any reasonable person can anticipate given the federal deficits and the continuing financing problems at the federal level that there will be further cutbacks in the Medicaid share that the federal government is giving to us and, therefore, the problem will probably be exacerbated in future years rather than lessened. And probably the irony of all that is if our economy gets better to help us deal with this problem, the federal formula says we take a bigger hunk out of what we give you. You know, the cut that the federal government made to Nebraska's Medicaid share was based upon the relative health of economies throughout the United States.

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And so even if we do well and generate revenues, they're probably going to cut us more. I think we need to focus attention on something that we have not focused attention on principally next session. I think we need to turn and focus now on this Medicaid problem next session without fail and with some determination and doggedness because we certainly haven't done it this session. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Call the question.

SENATOR CONWAY: The question is called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote