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I agree with Senator Moore about 95 percent of the time, on most of his issues, and most of his cuts, and most of his proposals, but this one here, he's doing like Senator Chambers said he did yesterday, you know, it's his job, it's an ugly job, so he must support these types of cuts. But this one here the Legislature thought it was a priority. And I think the rest of us should back those words up. Many of us weren't here back then, but I will stand pat and I will support the body back then. So, with that, I would urge for this Schellpeper amendment. Thank you.

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

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I'd just like to touch on some of the things that Senator Moore talked about. First, I'd like you to know it's now a 2.8 percent cut, 2.8 percent cut for cities. Counties are still zero. I got chastised by my Appropriations Committee Chairman, he says, you're just taking a little snapshot of it. Well, we're in the special session. I don't know what happened before, but we're in the special session. We're talking about these cuts right now. Talk about schools, I wasn't for the cut in teachers pay, but I think if you would look that you'll find most salaries of teachers this year probably went up a minimum of 5, up to 7 to 8 percent, probably between 5 and 7. So, and our state employees are probably lucky if they get 3 percent. Talk about keno and sales tax, I got one little town that's got keno, one little town that's got a sales tax. My people don't have sales tax, because they don't want to pay more taxes, and I don't blame them. Every town can't have keno. Now I'd throw it out, I doubt very much if we'll see much keno in the years to come. In fact, I heard something about Douglas County today, they got another great plan for raising money through gambling. When the Mayor of Lincoln, City Administrator of Bellevue came to our committee, Senator Ashford and myself were the only two that opposed the MIFR cut. The Mayor of Lincoln went right down the line and they were infrastructure cuts. The Mayor of Bellevue, or City Administrator of Bellevue, who Senator Moore complimented because they were spending their money, they were spending their money on sewers. Senator Wehrbein's mayor from Nebraska City said, well, we put a fountain in at our...one of the parks, and one of the...I think the City Administrator from Norfolk said, we put a sidewalk, I don't know how big a sidewalk it was around our park. And I guess then some questions started to come out that, you know, this isn't infrastructure. Well, maybe it isn't. But let me tell you, you get out in these