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future; that message is we're a progressive nation and when we put our minds to it we can do anything. Likewise, no one expects changes in government to happen overnight. We will plan our strategy, take our time to make these changes real and permanent, and we will confidently move forward because it's the right thing to do and it's about time we did it. Picture a typical Nebraska family. They lead a wholesome life. They have strong values and they work hard, still sometimes they struggle to make ends meet. I want to see their lives made a little better so they can enjoy the good life of Nebraska, so life for them is more than a matter of survival. To do that for the families of Nebraska, we must look at everything we do in 1995 through the twin filters of efficiency and flexibility. In other words, we must continue to clean up the disorder and the demanding attitude of government. Last week when I announced an income tax cut for Nebraska taxpayers, I took the first of many steps to show Nebraskans I am serious about making government more efficient and flexible. Some have questioned how we will come up with the money to not only fund this tax cut but balance the budget and pay for new initiatives. It won't be easy, but we can, indeed, pay for everything I am proposing. We're doing things differently now. We're looking at our budget in a different way. Our budget will, among other things, return vacancy savings of more than \$12 million to the General Fund. Our budget will bring the state more than \$52 million in new federal matching funds for existing human service programs. Our budget requires agency directors to find efficiencies totaling more than \$44 million. The people of Nebraska deserve to share the savings, but the tax cut is more than a handout to Nebraska families. In a day and age when governments are typically raising taxes, we are cutting taxes. It sends a message to the people of Nebraska that the focus of government has changed from government itself to the people of this state and their basic needs, and that's the whole point. Many Nebraskans have been asking, why did you cut income taxes when property taxes are the real headache? Couldn't you have given the \$70 million back to local governments for property tax relief? The answer to that question is, yes, I could have. But let's learn a lesson from Nebraska history. In 1967, the State of Nebraska implemented sales and income taxes to reduce property taxes. Within three years, more property tax was levied than ever before. In 1989, LB 84 returned more than \$100 million to local governments. The money was intended for property tax relief. It didn't work. Instead, almost all of the \$100 million went for new spending and added to the base. The following year, \$200 million more