

which is our...the university and state colleges are our foremost tax supported institutions of higher education. But I wonder if you've looked at page 16, Senator Avery, and maybe some of the rest of you should too. On page 16 is the pie that shows how much aid, now I'm talking about aid money, goes back from General Funds to local governments and individuals. Local governments get about 36 percent of that money. Along with that there's another 24, 3 percent, almost 23 percent that go to individuals. If you really want to cut the budget and get rid of a lot of General Funds that we wouldn't need or we could put back into the reserve, take away half of that money. If you'd take away half of that money, you'd come up with a sizable sum of money that we would save in General Funds and you could put...you know your subdivisions are going to scream if you try that. It's the same way with the university. They work very hard. The regents work very hard and the administration works very hard to develop a budget that will serve the needs of the students that want higher education, and if each time we take away that money, then they have to raise tuition or something, try to do something else to make up that money. So I do think you should pay attention to where the General Funds go. Almost 60 percent of them go back to subdivisions and individuals, almost 60 percent. The university actually has only a little less than 20 percent of the General Funds. They don't eat up the budget. The subdivisions, the help we give to individuals and so on are the ones that eat up the budget and there are things that we cannot stop doing. We can try to cut back and we have cut, and I've got a network going and so do you right now in a little program over in Health Department that the Health Department said we could cut so we did, and now they've got a network going saying, oh, we can't let that go. So, Senator Avery, you were on appropriations, you know how it is when we're working to try to bring in a credible budget and this continual...I don't know exactly where you're coming from on the university as to why you have decided that the university is the one that should take the cut to balance or to cut down on our budget. Our budget is balanced. So...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...the last thing I'll say about the research and other people have said things about, we are a Carnegie I research institution, University of Nebraska. That's high-standing, my friends. We need to protect that. That's how we get grant money, that's how we attract highly qualified