

happening and start looking for ways to cut spending, not spend hours and hours on the floor here figuring out ways how to spend more money. Everybody can do that. You can always get legislation through to spend more money, and I've seen that in my four years here. But when are we going to start putting through some policies that cut spending? Yes, you can still do what you can do, but you have to do it within a framework of what Nebraskans can afford. And it...I can't sit here any longer after how many hours of listening to this. I feel like I'm in some kind of wonderland listening to the liberals on this floor discussing...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...how you're going to carry out this policy and where you're going to find the money for it, and how wonderful you all think you're being in deciding who's the poorest of the poor. I mean it, it strikes me as absolutely...we're going from the ridiculous to the absurd here, and at some point somebody has to stand up and say, we can't afford this this year, let's get on to some of the discussions on how we're going to cut spending and how we're going to prioritize our spending and get on to those discussions and, and quit trying to spend more money. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Weesly.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Senator...I should say Governor Robak, and thank you, Senator Witek, for, as one of those liberals on the floor, let me tell you something, that we're not talking here just about human needs, we're talking about economic development. For all you conservatives who care about a growing state, it means we have to housing for people that we want to bring in here to work at jobs. We have economic development that is bringing us some prosperity in some towns, but also some problems. And the response to that is either we can turn our back and thus harm our economic future in this state, or we can recognize the state has a role to play. Now we can talk about spending \$70 million in lost revenue under 775. We can talk about millionaires not paying a penny in income tax because of the tax breaks they get. That's okay. And the amount that they don't pay in income taxes could fund this housing trust fund and take care of the concerns that we're expressing here, because we're talking between three and five