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to maintain safe communities is a continuing commitment to stop the manufacture and sale of drugs in Nebraska and to put the squeeze on the pipeline. This effort includes a sustained and intense effort, in my judgment, to target methamphetamine, which is a threat to every child in every community in our state. Reducing the size of government, cutting taxes, maintaining safe communities are pieces of the puzzle that build our economy. Other pieces of that puzzle are sustained investment in education, emphasis on work force development, accessible and affordable healthcare statewide, and investment in infrastructure. As I said on the campaign trail, you don't run for Governor unless you believe in the importance of education, and I do and I know you share in that belief. Work force development is an ongoing challenge in our state and we're a national leader in unemployment. But our state's future is, in part, tied to our ability to address this issue of work force development. And in the area of healthcare, the diversity of our state provides advantages, but admittedly some disadvantages, in the ongoing effort to maintain a healthy population. Together, we can work together to exploit those advantages and turn disadvantages into opportunities. And as to the importance of technology, transportation, investment in infrastructure, I know we all acknowledge that calculated investments today will pay dividends for future generations. I believe that these four priorities--smaller government, lower taxes, safe communities and building an economy--reflect what's in the hearts and minds of our constituents, citizens that I've listened to over the last three years. Today, however, there's a darker challenge that has again arisen in our state. It's the critical situation facing our farms and our ranches and the businesses that depend upon them. The awful prices for pork and corn and beans and wheat and beef have been an economic nightmare for many families across this great state. And the historic lows in pork prices have been tragic, especially for small and medium sized producers. I can tell you as a farm boy, including someone who raised hogs to get through college, I understand the plight that's facing our farm economy. It's real to me. It's where I grew up. You have my personal commitment that I will do all I can to lead our state through these difficult and trying times with agriculture. By next week, I will have taken time to meet with almost every state senator, something that probably hasn't been done by an incoming