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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BYARS: ...as far as mental health is concerned, and what should not. I feel that the private industry are not completely picking up their share of the obligation in dealing with the mental health problem, and I think they can go a long ways in helping us to solve that problem. Therefore, I still feel very strongly that this issue is my number one priority and, because it's intergenerational and noncategorical, should be the biggest priority of this body in the state of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Chair recognizes Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we have...we have had five bills so far. Senator Wehrbein spoke about making cuts and I don't know that we need to worry about making cuts but, as Senator Engel said, we do have to worry about prioritizing. And so we're going to have to choose between some of the thing...amongst some of the things that we've already talked about. We've had five bills so far that have had fairly significant fiscal impact and...and so there are things that we're going to have to decide if we want...if we want the tangible kinds of benefits that Senator Byars is talking about for families who are faced with very difficult situations with individuals and their families who need care and they are the ones that are providing that care. And this is an important issue. Certainly, as we talked about in terms of the cost of nursing home care for the state, it's an important fiscal issue and I, too, would like us to be able to do this. I think it is a priority. I think it's a priority for us from a humanitarian standpoint. I believe it's a priority for us from a fiscal standpoint because I do think that it will have an impact on our ability to control our costs in other ways. But I would ask those of you who are going to vote for this bill to very seriously look at the other four bills that we have had before us and say, is this the priority, and then be willing to vote that way when it comes down to making the hard decisions. And I would also ask you to begin right now making hard decisions so that we don't have to do it all at the very end. I would ask you to look at...at bills that we have in front of us