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There are those that are critics of the Legislature who want to take any and every opportunity that they'll have to criticize the spending. But the bottom line is the Legislature is where the rubber meets the road in this state. What are the priorities? You get to decide. And what happens is that when you only look at the previous year, you have good years and bad years. And in the good years, if you look at that number, that means that you'll have a high percentage for the next year to spend. If you look at the bad years, you're going to...you're going to have some delay. And the problem comes, and I heard Senator Brown talk about sustainability, that really is...what you want is predictability. If you're going to have good projects, if you're going to run a decent agency or have a decent program, you need to have predictable. And we heard that with state aid, but that's local government's claim. We've got to decide what is the best interest of the state. What priorities do we run? And so on one hand we're going to use targets and resolutions to try to defend ourselves against public opinion that we spend too much money. On the other hand, we may set ourselves up for criticism that we can't even stay within our own budget limitations that we've set for ourself for a target. So, to the extent today that this discussion is good because it focuses our attention on the budget at an earlier date, I think is good, I think it's very good. It focuses you on what process we should have. However, using a year-to-year basis, if you have an increase and you have personal income that increases by, in any one given year, 7 or 8 percent, you're going to have a huge increase in spending, or you may not. What can happen to this resolution is you look at last year what we spent, and that's the target. But in good years are the years that we catch up. Senator Wehrbein has laid it out correctly. This is...these are the years that we're catching up for things that we didn't do two and three years ago. When the farm economy takes a dip and goes down and we're going to have...we're not going to be talking about surpluses, we're going to be talking about cuts.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: And we're not going to be here visiting about what to do with our surplus monies. We're going to go into these programs and actually cut. And we're going to cut