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interpretation of 3 percent could be different than ours. Thank you and, please, in some form I think we do need a resolution passed and that we can all look forward to sustaining. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Cudaback would like to announce the following guests are visiting the Legislature: (introduced teachers) teachers at the Cozad Schools with 70 students. They are located in the south balcony. If you would rise, we'd like to welcome you to the Nebraska Legislature. For further discussion on the Schimek amendment to the committee amendments, Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I'm going to be fairly brief. I just want to make a few general comments, not directly to this. And I'm going to turn my...give some time to Senator Schimek. I just want you to know that this was done, for historical purposes, a record, I understand this was done in the late seventies, early eighties, where there was a resolution such as this, for discussion purposes, about spending. I don't know that anyone was here at the time, but it has been done in the past. Then it was...it has not been done since I have been here, for 12 years, so it apparently was dropped. But there used to be this kind of discussion early in the session, preparatory to the Appropriations Committee sending the final budget to the floor in late April. I would remind you many of the things I read off about the increases in the budget, if there are to be any changes, most of the changes, if you were to make major reductions in certain programs and areas of the budget, if you're toying with that idea, and that's what this discussion is about, it would take statutory changes. Many of the issues that I'm talking about have gone down are entitlements in one form or another. It would take statutory changes, and those changes would have to go to individual committees. Appropriations Committee can draft legislation, even at this stage, for consideration by statutory committees. I just want you to know that that's a possibility if you are looking at making major cuts and changes in the budget. If you wanted to go a new direction, it does take statutory change for the whole...at least the committee would have to look at it, if not the whole body. The other thing that I want to say is that we have significant money in the budget today for building