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responsibility to spend isn't, in the final analysis, the Appropriations Committee. They make suggestions. The decision to tax isn't in the Revenue Committee, in the final analysis they make suggestions. It's the body of this Legislature that enacts all of the measures that they think are desirable for the future of the state of Nebraska, each and every one of us. And I'm telling you that I think we've done a fine job. The membership has changed over time, but I think that the responsibility has been fulfilled. I thought perhaps Senator Wickersham might go over a handout that he had distributed that gave a good indication of what the growth of the general operations of state government have been, the agencies and that sort of thing. And actually it's been quite a lot less than what the personal income growth in the state of Nebraska has been. We have, in the interest of trying to provide a more balanced tax system for all of the services of government, at whatever level, we have increased state aid, as the ability of Nebraskans to afford those increases have transpired. And there's an argument over the effectiveness of the process that has been in place for quite a number of years, as a matter of fact. But I would argue that this body, in adopting and sustaining that process, has done the future of Nebraska a good economical job of providing the resources at all levels of government to provide for those services that are essential to the citizens of Nebraska. When you look at our budget, what do you propose out of state aid to reduce? Very difficult. Are we going to have less money in Corrections? Very difficult. I think, and I used to not think this way when I first came to the Legislature, but I think that to repeat myself a final time is that this system, in the manner that it works with the participation of each and every member of the Legislature, without a con...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...without a conference committee, without any of the other mechanisms that exist in other forms of state government, has done a fine job. After the general election, before I was sworn in, there were two special sessions to reduce the budget of the state of Nebraska because of an agricultural depression. And those were across-the-board cuts, because a decision couldn't be made to make those selectively. When our