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the very hard times, then you need to make a decision about overall spending, we want to spend no more than 3.5 percent this year. But if you have all kinds of interests coming into the Legislature suggesting that we spend more than that, for example, because they already have a certain portion of their interest protected, then they're going to create the pressure that will not allow us to save money for the hard times and throw us into a crisis situation. I think we really have to go back to the biblical parable of the seven good years and the seven bad years. And in the seven good years we should be saving money. And we haven't been doing enough of that...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to clearly avert crisis in the hard times. And so the objective should be for everybody to be bought into the process of saving money in the good times because, when it comes to the hard times, if you're putting too great a pressure on certain institutions, are you going to raise sales and income taxes in the very hardest of economic times? Of course you're not, of course you're not. That's not going to happen. So what are you going to do, destroy one institution because you want to protect absolutely another, or do you want to be in a position where you can make judgments at that point in time about what is most important? Isn't that what you want?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I mean we were against term limits because it took away choices. Why do you want to take away choices? And here we want to box ourselves in...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. On the Kristensen amendment, Senator Baker, followed by Jensen, Don Pederson, Brown, Wickersham, Coordsen, Suttle, Vrtiska, and Hartnett. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of