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what they would call informed ignorance...that they know, but yet they don't seem to know, or maybe worse, don't care. Such an editorial applied...you know, I usually don't read those. This is one of the few that I read, and I can't pass up the temptation to tell you about how poor that is, and how wrong that editorial was, and how that we can't let that misconception go with this year's budget. The budget you're about to vote on is the leanest budget that's been here in the last five bienniums in terms of average growth. That's ten years. Now, is that irresponsible? No. Is that responsible? Absolutely. You ought to be out telling your constituents every day what this Legislature is doing. But this editorial goes on and talks about big spenders in the Legislature, and about how they delivered...promised property tax and never delivered. Where have they been? How long do you have to sleep and finally come to about what's been going on here for ten years? And for the two major things that probably increased the budget the most over what was recommended, turns out to be some state aid to school monies, which that paper also editorialized for, and most of those are probably faculty salaries, of which most of those coins are going to go down the tube, down the street here not very far away. And when they talk about that there was 12 percent spending last year but we only had 5 percent growth...or, 5 percent reduction of property tax, they so misunderstand what we've been doing here. Totally misunderstand that, that our cash reserve isn't a tool that we just use to hide one-time money; it's a dam. When you have good years, it builds up that money, and then we let it out a little as we go along, to regulate the...so there aren't huge bumps in the road and huge swings in our tax rates and the amount of monies that we take in. The editorial also talks about, the Legislature just keeps spending money as fast as Nebraskans can make it. Look at this budget. Look at the sheet that you have here today. We're going to have money left over this year. We had money left over last year. We're not spending every dime that's on there. But editorials like this continue to put into people's heads much ignorance. They continue to put in misconceptions that are harmful. And if we don't stand up and take some chance here this morning, I think, to talk about those issues...and I don't...and I don't want an extended debate...but I'll tell you, I want to express the frustration that I think we have here, that there's \$160 million left in reserve. Now, if