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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, actually, we did try it about...or we did do it in '93, as I recall, we had a special session, took out \$100 million out, and that was about 1.75 percent. One percent, today, would be about \$24 million total out of General Fund in this case.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: So, if we cut everybo...everything by 1 percent, we'd generate \$24 million. Gee, that would make that line, whatever it is, where we're at \$13 million, it would go right up, wouldn't it? And then we would have room for all these new, better, nonerroneous, unflawed A bills that await us?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: (Laugh) By the way, that includes aid, too, which you may or may not want to include in what you're talking about, aid to schools and so forth. If it was just operations it would be about \$9 million.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: You indicated to us that our university would not fold if they didn't get this appropriation contained in LB 1217. And I think there's been pretty good evidence that other agencies and bureaus and units of government also would not fold. What do you think about that idea?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I think you're better off having focused cuts, if that's what you're inclined to do. I know many think there's fat in many budgets. And it's very difficult in our overviews to determine if there is or isn't. As a general rule I am fairly convinced that there is not a lot of fat in most agency budgets. It's easy to look at large budgets...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...including a billion, and saying that there is. On the other hand, we would all do things differently. A lot of these are salaries, particularly in the case of the university. So I'm reluctant to really charge, if there's gross inefficiencies there, in terms of their expenditures, without having a chance to look in detail. I really do believe that that is the Board of Regents' job, though.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I agree it's the Board of Regents' job. I want to thank you and the Appropriations Committee. I look