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and, frankly, I don't know the answers. The bill was introduced without numbers in it and part of the reason is that we, on the committee, didn't know what the exact answer was and I'm not even sure we do know and I'm not even certain that Senator Jensen and your committee are certain, and apparently administration isn't sure because I think most of us want to do what's right here. On the other hand, it's an unlimited checkbook. A \$24 million overrun is an enormous amount above our budget. If you look at it, it's running about \$4 million a month for child care. And if that would go up to \$5 million a month, that's certainly a pretty good chunk of money. And it's skyrocketed, if you look at the graph, since...looks like it was a low in June of '97 I assume when it was about \$2.25 million to 2.25, and I assume part of that maybe has to do with increased regulations. Cost of care has gone up. Perhaps wages have gone up. I see Omaha is going to mandate minimum wage. A lot of these factors are going to be entering into that and I, once again, will assume that the study will bring some of that out. I don't want to make a quick decision that's wrong. On the other hand, I have been fairly supportive of it. I was very interested myself in listening to the debate on the 24 months, on the 185 percent, on the asset test, not knowing if that's a big issue or a little issue, let's say the asset test. So I'm listening to the debate myself without my mind fully made up. I do appreciate the committee bringing this issue to the floor because that's one of the reasons we introduced the bill. We...this does need to be discussed and I think, if nothing else, we need a sense of the body as to where we're at. But it does have to be recognized that a year from right this minute, almost literally, we're going to be struggling with how to fund these kinds of dollars and it's...it's a huge number. I don't want to be repetitive, but, you know, I think we've got the largest deficit in history this year with about \$80 million. Seventy-some million of it is in...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...these two areas of child care and Medicaid costs and the university overrun on health insurance and a lawsuit, low-level nuclear waste. That's where most of our dollars are at. And all of those, except perhaps university health insurance, are going to be open-ended. I...these