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SENATOR STUHR: I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, let me ask it like this. Was it enough money to do something with to achieve the purposes for which the commission was established?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, it was.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And why was that money taken out?

SENATOR STUHR: In our efforts to balance the budget.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who made the recommendation that those funds be removed, if you know?

SENATOR STUHR: I believe the Governor.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Members of the Legislature, there are 33 "Repelicans" on this floor. You have a "Repelican" Governor. We know that the rural sector of this state is languishing. There has been a terrible drought, and it is not over yet, and who knows how long the ramifications will be felt. Some enterprises, some families trying to maintain farms are going to go under, and they will never surface again. This is being done by a "Repelican" Governor. You all let these politicians get away with it when it happens to be a member of your party that's doing it. I'm a state senator. I'm registered independent. I don't belong to any party. I don't belong to any politician. Nobody tells me what my moral principles are, and nobody can tell me what fair is. How many of you think that any senator would dare say, we're going to stop giving the money to these big corporations under LB 775? Nobody would dare even think that thought. You know as far as we can get? Well, we'll give you a little more information about what the state is giving to them. Maybe you'll require them, these corporations, to notify the state when they'll suck out that money, those millions, so that the state can build a budget with those considerations taken into account. But the rural area is a throwaway. And you know why you all get thrown away? For the same reason that the Legislature gets walked on. You will not stand up and represent your own people. Sometimes