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raise them six percent anyway.

SENATOR STUHR: I'm not sure that I could agree with that. I think, you know, we would need to visit about it. Because actually, it's been ten years.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You need to visit with whom?

SENATOR STUHR: This cap has been in effect, that we're presently under, for ten years.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But all of that is irrelevant.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: However long. If they were under this schedule for 50 years, it makes no difference, because they have no need to raise them at this point. And you tell us they probably will not raise them before March of next year. So I'm not even interested in hearing how long this schedule has been in place. What I want to deal with...and that's all I'll ask you right now, Senator Stuhr, thank you. What I want to deal with is what we're contending with right now, at a time when employees are going to be laid off, if there are salary increases for employees they'll be reduced, the Governor has recommended a ten percent cut in everything across the board except where he is concerned. So I believe responsible legislating requires us to look at all of these bills that deal with taxation, by whatever name it may be called. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Stuhr, your light is next.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. A couple clarifications that I wanted to make from yesterday is that there was some question about whether the agency did take a cut as the other agencies are expected to do. They are taking a ten percent cut, plus, last August they took a 3.8 percent cut. In...well, during the entire year, two special...in the spring, it was 3.8; in the summer, it was an