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improved staff attorneys' salaries, new clerical help for staff attorneys. The prior Attorney General had ruined the office. Damn! That's Jon Bruning who didn't vote for LB 1085, which was the one revenue measure we had during the last crisis that saved the bacon of a lot of agency heads. What would Jon Bruning's request have been this year, if we hadn't bailed him out by voting for LB 1085? Would he have asked for 2 million? Second example of the same thing, these slash and burn people come in and ruin staffs and ruin salary levels, make them noncompetitive and then they leave the ashes and hope some Phoenix is going to rise from them. But the Phoenix doesn't rise unless people like you and I make it, rebuild it again. And why is this relevant? Because I'm wondering what's going on right here. Has this been properly managed by the Governor or is this another slash and burn thing that he didn't quite escape like the others escaped when they left office? Because the accreditation report came too soon. He has diminished and demolished those staffs until every lobbyist for the insurance industry and every lobbyist for the banking industry is out there saying, my God, fix those salaries, fix those staffs. We're going to lose the insurance industry. We're going to lose the banking industry. Why wasn't the Governor fixing them two years ago, three years ago, and four years ago? It appears to me to be the characteristic mismanagement of some of these radical people who are catering to what they believe to be the desires of the people, to cut people and cut staff. Government doesn't need all this. What's really going on here? Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Landis, on the motion to bracket LB 85.

SENATOR LANDIS: You go, you go. I'm going to resist the bracket motion but it represents a value choice. The value choice is give it a month. The unions have said, look, we'll talk about this. We think we can resolve the problem and you could go forward. By the way, by way of Senator Synowiecki's point, it's true. These are cash-funded agencies. I hope I have been clear on that all the way through. The topic of general funds came up, but in response to a question, and in