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think it's time that we buckle our belts...tighten our belts and try something. You're going to hear from people, you sure will, but this is what your constituents have been saying to you. You're going to have to cut,...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...until it affects them. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, I don't even know where to start. And I told Mark Quandahl, Senator Quandahl, I'm not going to belabor this. This is the strangest thing I've seen since I've been here. I've just...three green lights for Senator Chambers in about five hours' span. I got to tell you, what everybody is say...there's merit...I can't even begin to tell you how much...I don't want to sound like I'm placating you. I can't begin to tell you how much merit there is out here, and how much I really believe in what all you folks are doing. I'm not trying to butter you up. I see where we're trying to get to step Z, okay? But if this isn't part of the package, if what has just been introduced is not part of what we're dealing with, then I'm missing something here. Common sense is being thrown by the wayside. Here's why I say that. The first time I ever met Senator Brashear...I don't think he actually met me; I met him. It was from afar. It was very mystic. (Laughter) He spoke of changing the way we do business. Senator, you remember that speech you made, correct, at the chamber of commerce? I remember it. It's almost burned into my memory. As far as I'm concerned, and I know this is probably oversimplifying it, this sums it up right here. We...Senator Bourne had brought up the idea, or the fact that we're in a situation, a fiscal situation, of epic proportion. I would agree with that. What is that going to require? What are we going to have to do? Square one, is Senator Quandahl's amendment square one? I don't know. But I...but he made a valuable point to me. And Senator Chambers made some valuable points as well. We can look down this list of these nine items. And I am sitting here, poised to vote for deep cuts. I will go to the schools in my district and say,