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which, of course, was a very significant amount of money. And they...every letter and e-mail that I have received, or even personal comments since that time, have followed up on that same theme. Then when the Lancaster County senators had their breakfast last week, and we always go around the room and ask people to introduce themselves and give their comments or ask questions that the senators can later address, I think it was quite surprising that people were saying to us at that breakfast, raise our income taxes. Now always in the past, when I've sent out surveys or asked people about it, sales tax has been the likely tax that people will generally choose. I believe that they are seeing now that we have taxed everybody pretty much equally up to this point, and it's probably becoming somewhat of a burden to those on the lower rungs of the economic ladder. And so now they're saying we're at this point now, we need to tax the people who can afford the taxes. And I agree with that 100 percent. They've reenforced what I've been thinking about this for a long time and what I think other people are thinking. There is...there really is a lot of wealth out there in our state, a lot of wealth. That doesn't mean everybody has it. There are a lot of people who are really hurting in our state. But in order to get through this particular crisis, as we're calling it, I believe that people are ready and they're willing and they are able to belly up to the bar, as they say, and help so that we do not hurt those programs...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...which provide most of all, which contribute most of all to our quality of life in this state, and that those are our educational systems. I'm heartsick about some of these cuts that the university has already said it is going to be making. I am heartsick about the museum on the university campus. I can't imagine that we're really going to go through with this. But if we don't raise some more revenue, we're going to see more kinds of programs that are going to be on the chopping block. Another one that I'm just sick about is the veterinary school down in Kansas, and I think that the Appropriations Committee is restoring it. We've got to be very, very careful that we don't injure ourself for the long term.