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They're good people and sometimes we expect them to be in harm's way and to protect us, and when they return home they're no longer respected, appreciated, or given some of the things that we promised them when they first went in. This veterans' home is an important step and I appreciate the Governor making it a priority, and that he committed, even knowing that we have this budget shortfall, he committed that in his administration we would be able to do this. In the final budget numbers, some of the appropriations amount has been scaled back. I'm not attempting to do something about that now more than raise the issue and say it is going to be an impact, it is going to reduce the number of beds we can provide. And I would clarify, I understand that this scaled back version would be 120 beds, or could be up to 120, versus the 150 that we had planned. So it's roughly ten beds more than we currently are providing, but it still wouldn't meet the needs. And I recognize these are tough times, we don't have the money, but I think we have a responsibility to our veterans and that we have a responsibility to take care of those veterans at their time of need. And as we continue to make more veterans, more combat veterans, I think we have a responsibility and a commitment to honor what we have said we would do for those veterans in terms of healthcare and in terms of long-term care when they reach that stage. I think we're making good strides in keeping our commitment at the state level, and it's my understanding that at the federal level we've had very good cooperation. Our congressional delegation is on board. We have had Senator Hagel and Senator Nelson and their staff involved in this process. Congressman Lee Terry has been involved in this process. All of them are very supportive and their staffs have been working very closely and been members of the task force. This is an important issue. It is an important step, and I appreciate that this body has given that kind of attention to it in these discussions here this morning. I look forward to continuing forward with this and, although these are tough economic times, I think this is a commitment that we at this time and at all times need to honor in order to honor our veterans who have served us. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Schimek, on the advancement of LB 406. This will be your third time, Senator