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than one e-mail, one more...more than one answering machine message, some of them unprintable and unspeakable and some at late hours...(laugh) you get used to it, it's the joy of public service...but people are saying, they are telling me the stories about why they think government needs to rein itself in. I'm not talking...let's don't just say education, education, because we know everybody wants to continue to educate because basically education is about our future so, therefore, we don't want to cut it. And so, therefore, what? We don't make any cuts? We don't structure, restructure government for the future? We don't downsize that which we allowed to expand and grow during the roaring nineties? We grew the government this large, but when you subtract out the revenue of the roaring nineties and when you get back to what Nebraska has...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...historically been for a hundred years, give or take, and you look at what our population is and isn't and what our size is and isn't, are we not compelled to examine any of the issues about what size of government we can afford and not just say everything rolls on because it was negotiated, we didn't know? We do know. Look at page 5. We do know what's before us. I continued by survey of certified public accountants who have prepared tax returns. You know, we didn't get any great adjustment out of the Forecasting Board. It was \$12 million more. Guess what? That means \$12 million more than today, where we're sitting at the bottom of a trough. It is time to get our...to aim high, as they say in driver training, look down the road and start talking now about what we're going to do...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...so we can be in charge of our own destiny.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. We're on the original amendments to the...LB 407. Those wishing to speak are Senators Redfield, Smith, Wehrbein, Erdman, Brashear, Beutler, Bromm, Senator Dwite Pedersen, and Senator Chambers. Senator Redfield.