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SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I have distributed to you a piece of research that was done by the National Conference of State Legislatures. They have surveyed all of the states and they have put that data together in a form for you so it is easy for you to compare. I have another one that deals with the revenue side that I will distribute to you later. But right now we were talking about appropriations and I think it is very fitting that, as Senator Wehrbein has pointed out to us, the three major areas of our state budget are K through 12 education, higher education, and then Medicaid, which certainly employs a great deal of our personnel in the HHS Department; that the breakdown that they have given you in this comparison--K through 12, higher ed, and state employees--is a very fitting one for the discussion here today. And I think that it is also very interesting, as you look down here, you see that our position, as we know, is not unique. We know that other states are looking at significant budget deficits, and it's interesting to see the recommendations that are coming out. Now unless you see an asterisk by the state, it has not been approved, so it's a proposal, just as ours is a proposal. Who knows what it will look like when it comes out? But, in fact, when you look at the revenue side, you'll see that in the majority, the significant majority of those states, they are not looking at tax increases to general, sales, or income taxes. So there are going to be some cutting measures coming out of these states. You will notice that in Connecticut, under K-12 education, the Governor has recommended a 6.5 percent cut of \$103 million. You'll see in Massachusetts, usually known for taxing their way out of any problem, last year they increased taxes by \$1.1 billion and yet this year they're saying no taxes and they are recommending a \$180 million cut in K through 12 education, unheard of in the state of Massachusetts. State of Washington, mandatory cost-of-living adjustments, class size reduction funding, other changes totaling more than \$400 million. In higher education, again, very significant proposals. In Michigan, the Governor is recommending a 6.75 percent reduction in state aid to public universities and community colleges. Montana is recommending that they go \$40 million less than their current law; New Jersey, a \$113 million cut. We are looking at Oregon, where