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know, we understand the tough decisions that the chancellor is having to make. And I say that because I know that we all are facing tough decisions, and when we look at the threat of increasing taxes, I've never taken the promise of not to raise any taxes. I think that is campaign rhetoric and hyperbole and the...ignoring reality at times. But I also look at the cause and effect of raising taxes. My district is close to Wyoming. Doesn't have any state income tax. Has lower property tax. They happen to tax food, by the way, so it may not be the difference that might meet the eye originally.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members of the body, I was just going to say briefly one of the reasons for the gap, and I didn't mention it earlier, was the idea that we were sensitive to property tax and the school aid. And for the record, there's discussion in here on a page about the difference between us and the Governor, but our primary differences between the Governor...between us and the Governor are in the area of higher education support and K-12. In fact, it's \$221 million. There was also public state ward education, \$21 million and \$21.7, and we have Medicaid, eliminated nonemergency dental, which is a...and hospital...Medicaid hospital rates. My point is that one of the reasons for the gap is that we, our committee at least, recognized that if we do not do it with sales and income, a big chunk of this money will fall back on property tax, on provider rates, on a lack of dental assistance in this case, and on higher tuition. So somebody will pay if we don't, and I think that is some of the philosophical discussion that needs to take place. It isn't that these things are going to be cut and people are going to go away. It's that in many cases schools, local schools, somebody will pick up the difference or they will make the cuts. So part of it is really is it sales or income tax, or is it going to be property tax across the state? Is it going to be hospitals suffering more in their lack of property tax rates or provider rates I should say? Because they are