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because we've already achieved that through the \$211 million that I keep telling everybody I speak to we've already cut and taken out of the base.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, and...I mean we've cut 50 employees alone out of NETV. I don't have all those at my fingertips, but we counted up, as we went along, and it was in excess of 200 employees that we were proposing to cut in this current budget round. I don't know where the number ended up.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: So one of my goals here is so there is a downsizing of government. But we never...we oftentimes don't talk...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...about those things here.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Bromm and eight others.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, Senator Brashear is raising many good points, points that should be raised and I'm sure points that will be expanded upon and pro and con by all of us as this debate goes on. It's...I don't know what chunk of it I want to take right now, but maybe it should be emphasized, again and again and again, that we are at a crossroads that has to do with property tax versus sales and income tax. If you do serious retreating on state aid, and that's what you would have to do to get really down in expenditures, then, notwithstanding Senator Erdman's caution, the fact will be that we will go back to increased property taxes at the local level. If you want to cut the budget way down and say we're just going to fund state responsibilities, just the state responsibilities, we'll get rid of state aid to counties, all of it, we'll get rid of state aid to NRDs, all of it, we'll get rid of state aid to municipalities, all of it, and we'll get rid of state aid to school, all of it, and let's take