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Chambers and 15 others.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. There's not a person on the Appropriations board I do not respect, and I'm sorry that they had to start out the way they did without the leadership that they needed in the areas that I think the state should have taken a look at, and that's basically by cutting some of our own programs, such as institutions, commissions, services, whatever we need to do to help. Can we find it all there? I don't think so. I know that there was a lot of things that people...for a person who makes an average of about \$50,000 a year, a million dollars is a lot of money to me, and when you start talking about \$800 million, \$600 million, \$700 million, it's just way over my head. But there are numbers that have come that I think that we should have been given when we started this session other than just a 10 percent cut across the board. As I've explained that 10 percent cut the way I see it, it's like having three or four cars, let's say three automobiles, and you take a wheel off from each one of them, you have three cars that don't run very well, instead of putting one of them up on blocks or selling it and having two that run well. That we haven't done. The 10 percent cut is to hobble them all along a little bit. I know there's areas that were considered some kind of privileged areas that we shouldn't touch, and I don't know who would put that kind of a label on them, the privileged areas, such as closing a school. You wouldn't believe all the telephone calls I got at my home last night about closing Peru State College, because I put an amendment in two years ago to do so, \$3.5 million, small peanuts. But some of them same people that call me are the same people that call me and say don't raise our taxes. You can't have it both ways. I understand that. But I notice this morning, when I asked somebody who knows this business better than I do, that in the Board of Educational Lands and Funds there's \$262 million investment. There's \$403 million in land. Now I know some of that would, my understanding, would have to be changed constitutionally to get at it, but there's money, there is money there. I think what Senator Jensen has tried to do in Health and Human Services is help. The area that I've looked at the most since I've been in the Legislature is Department of Corrections. We have not cut them anywhere, and I