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grandparents on either side complain about taxes, never came up. That was part of their duty as citizens of the county of making our communities strong. They never complained about taxes. The other thing they did that they always felt was number one for them was the education of their children. And I can remember my grandparents talking about being on the farm in the thirties, trying to figure out how they were going to get that \$200 tuition every year for my mother to go to the teachers college, and somehow they always scraped it together because that was their priority. So when we get to this budget, I can tell you that we're going to be judged, this is our time in history, on how our institutions survive this budget crisis. One of those is definitely the whole picture of higher education in Nebraska, and one of the things that we're going to have to decide is how we're going to leave those institutions. Are they going to be permanently damaged? Are they going to not be able to get top-quality professors? Are we going to be able to ensure that the children in Nebraska can get into the schools in Nebraska; that their families can afford to send them there; that our lowest income students have the same opportunity as high-income students? We're going to have to look at K-12 education, which is the absolute pride of our state. We aren't in the states that we read about that need the laws like leave no child behind, because their schools are in such terrible shape that it's an embarrassment to the state and it's harmful to the future of the state. We have a state with an outstanding education system. How are we going to leave this? How...are we going to be like, in my case, and I'm a lot older than most people in here probably, but I'm 55, so...or not everybody. Thank you for turning around, Arnie. (Laugh) But I feel this is our moment in history where we're going to make those decisions, and I'm going to come out of the session saying, what would my parents think of what I did? That's going to guide me. The discussion this morning and to get to Senator Brashear's issues, you know, we were pretty surprised as an Appropriations Committee, I guess I can only speak for myself, that there was a salary increase. We thought that might be one of the ways that we could have dealt with the budget issues,...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.