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SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...which is certainly an interesting concern, if you assume that some way or another we get past the \$356 million, the \$354, whatever it is, through either increased revenue measures or reductions in the spending base to make that number zero, keep in mind now that amount of money, that \$350 million, comes off of the \$800. And if those proposals, revenue and appropriations, were continued in the next two years, you would take another \$350. So the number becomes certainly not easy, I'm not suggesting that at any point, but it becomes manageable. I would also suggest to you that on state aid one of the issues is we're assuming that we're going to go from \$1.04 back to \$1.00; we're going to eliminate the temporary aid adjustment; we're going to increase the growth rate from 0 to 2.5,...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...all of which are decisions that we'll have the opportunity to consider. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Raikes and Senator Smith. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Don Pederson, and then Senator Janssen. Excuse me. Senator Vrtiska, and then Senator Maxwell.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I was just thinking while I was sitting here yesterday when we had the...Senator Wehrbein was giving his proposal yesterday. He talked about everybody having a frown, and I guess we didn't get any jokes, but we did get rain and it did bring some smiles, so we're all happy for that. I just wanted to also say that I do appreciate the work that the Revenue...that the Appropriations Committee done. I know it's a tough job and...but, as everybody says, somebody has got to do it. I did want to touch on Senator Thompson talked about those bad times, but let me know...let me let you know that I lived in those bad times. My dad lost everything he had and he lost it, you know why, because he couldn't pay the taxes. My dad owned a lot of land and were not raising any crops and what he was raising was not worth anything, so he lost everything he had because he