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the Court of Appeals is doing a good job. We don't...you know, we hear these things. I think that you can hear anything on the street, and I think that you need to discount about 90 percent of that. We hear these people. We sit down and we listen to what they have to say that their needs are. We hear why...and this is one of the reasons why it's important to have hearings. You hear the pros and you hear the cons of things. And I think that this booklet that we have put out is an excellent booklet as to what the status is of the state of Nebraska and what its needs are. Now, we have presented those to you for your consideration. And I would certainly urge, if you have not done it, read the first three pages of the introduction and highlights, because it kind of is the key as to what we were facing and what we did. I heard that Senator Brown had said that we were increasing 7 percent a year in our spending and so forth. I had the Fiscal Office work out a revenue spending growth the last eight years, and the total for the eight years, the average, was: revenue, 5.2 percent; spending, 5.4 percent. So forget about some of these figures you hear; 13 percent, people have said that sort of thing. We did have one year in which we had higher spending, and that was the year that we opened both Tecumseh and went from \$1.10 to \$1.00. And you know, it's unique in bookkeeping that we consider money that the state spends sending for K-12 education in the state as a state expenditure. You know, what we're doing is offsetting. If we were not sending it to the local K-12s, the local K-12s would be paying for it through local property taxes. And that's been the mantra for the past number of years, is to try to do what we can to balance out those areas such as Senator Schrock was referring to, where they're having difficulties. And the state aid has been very important in developing and maintaining the quality K-12 education that we have. Now, let's think back. When we started this session in January, we had before us one thing. We had the Governor's proposal. And candidly, the Governor's proposal was a simplistic proposal, simply saying, cut 10 percent from many things. Well, the trouble with doing that is, it doesn't fit every situation. You need to start looking at what are the needs and what are the characteristics of what these various agencies accomplish. And we determined that it was important for us to make that determination and come and present to you a proposal that shows, in our opinion, what the