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needs are of the state. Now, you will either agree or you will disagree, but certainly we have spent almost four months working this up. And it didn't just happen to us all of a sudden either. We have spent the last three sessions going over and over this same material, when we had the special session, when we had the last cutting session. So we...we're pretty familiar with some of these things that we're talking about right now, and we're just giving you our best judgment as to what the needs are of the state, in order to maintain the quality of state and the quality of...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...services that we believe the state requires. It's then going to be the concern as to how we can manage to raise adequate revenue in order to achieve that. And much of that revenue we talk of as being burdensome and so forth. If you look at it in close examination, you will see that the amount that would be involved for each person in the state to spend to maintain these quality of services is not that great. So I would urge you to favorably consider the report of the Appropriations Committee, as embodied in the amendment to the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. We're discussing the committee amendments to LB 407, offered by the Appropriations Committee. Senator Janssen, followed by Senator Beutler and others.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. A little over 40 years ago, I took my first political office. It was on a school board of a Class I school. We didn't have lids. We didn't have many restrictions. We didn't have many demands on us by the state. You know, and I can't remember what our levy was at that time. The school board would set that levy to meet the needs of that Class I school. We didn't know what restrictions were. We didn't have many mandates. The only mandate we had was from the people in that district, to give those young people starting out in life a good start. We hired the best teachers we thought we could find. We maintained the building, hired and fired the janitor. That is