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had a company from Omaha come out to Ainsworth and start a business out there, and overhauled a building and did a lot of work. And they hired 60 people, all local people. And it was doing great. And just a little over two years, they just pulled up stakes and left. And they probably had the best work ethic you could ask for. Because I was up there on the annual dedication, and had a blizzard the night before, and half of them got a motel room that night so that they could be there at work the next day. And I think that shows good work ethics out in the rural areas. That's the problem--we don't have jobs in the rural area. And to try to find something, it's impossible. If we could get some kind of business in the rural areas, and even in any small town, it will really help the income there. Another thing that I am upset with, kind of, with the university about is the problem with Curtis. I realize that they made cuts out there. But they made some severe cuts in some classes and laid off a lot of the faculty. And some of the kids are driving clear to North Platte and renting rooms to try to finish out their ag mechanic class. And I don't think that's right when they have to do that to finish out their class. So it looks like that rural Nebraska is getting hurt worse. I just wanted to talk a little bit about our history on General Fund expenditures. I happen to have it here from '73 to 2003. And in 1973, it was \$218 million. And then in '83 it was \$730 million. And then in '93 it went to \$1.6 billion. And now we're at \$2.6 billion. It shows how much the increase. I realize a lot of that is going back out in state aid to help the schools out there. But that's still a big increase over that span of time. And it's been mentioned several times about Medicaid and the help there. I think there's a lot of abuse in there, and I don't know how to get on top of it, because we got a lot of people going to the emergency room when they don't need to. They could go to the office and make calls there. They go to the emergency room because it's all paid for. But it does cost more, and they have to call a doctor in a lot of times to take care of them. So I'm really concerned about that. But I just don't know where we're going to go from here. But...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR JONES: ...I might tell you right now that I probably