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won't for LB 407, the way it's worded right now, and then see what we can figure out later. But I'm not going to support it as the way it's wrote right now. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members, one hardly knows where to start. It's like...it's almost like you never heard any words before this morning on this issue. But it's one of those issues that we all want to talk on, all want to speak about. I'm surprised the Speaker let me talk on the issue, but I guess he did. Where do we start? Where do we start here? How do we define what we're even talking about? How do we define a cut? How do you define a cut? I think in the eyes of the public, when we look back and say, you bet they cut, they cut, when they get their property tax statement I'm afraid it's not going to be a cut to them; it's going to be a...merely a shift. And they're going to call us shifty, probably, or shiftless, or whatever they're going to use that word. But do you think if we...let's say...let's take this real extreme measure. Let's say we cut all state aid, just cut all seven, eight hundred million, whatever it is, give or take. I'm like Senator Brashear; I round it off. Just give or take, cut it all. Are the schools going to absorb all that? You know what a sponge does? A sponge absorbs, right? A sponge absorbs. I'm afraid the schools are going to be like a piece of glass. It doesn't absorb very much. The schools are not going to absorb, I don't think, one penny of this. I'm sorry, Senator Janssen. I agree with you on most everything, I really do, but this one here I cannot agree with you. I'm sorry about that. And that's fine. But the schools probably are not going to absorb this. The university might absorb it. You know what's going to happen to the university if we cut them? Let's just cut them by 20-30 million. You know who's going to absorb that? The kids, students. That's it. The parents. They're going to pass it on. They're going to have to, unless you lower all the faculty down to \$30,000. You know what we'd get if we hired a \$30,000 professor? You know that guy on TV that...the nutty professor they called...youse can call me Johnson, or youse can call me whatever. That's what we'd get. Youse can call me a professor, with his long coat. And it's laughable and we're kind of joking