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trend that has been going on for the last several years, but more can be done, and it doesn't mean just taking people off of the rolls. There are things that we need to look into doing. Somebody mentioned that to stop people from going to the emergency room, where they might leave with a bill of \$500 rather than having gone to the physician's office for \$35 or \$50. There are ways that you can do this. Incentives work and they work whether it's in private practice people or those on Medicaid, and so we have to look into ways of getting people to doing the right thing. K-12, this has been talked about quite a bit. I think that if we take money away from K-12, you're really voting for an increase in property taxes. It's that simple. We won't go any more. I like what Senator Dwite Pedersen and Senator Brashear have been talking about in the last few weeks. What we did in the nineties of lock 'em up, throw away the key, three strikes and you're out, all of those nice catch phrases was a very expensive policy. We need to reverse this. If we are the great people that we say we are in Nebraska, I don't understand why we lock so many of them up. So let's work on those kind of things. Now one last thing. I think the University of Nebraska and higher education can be more efficient, but let me show you a few things that's been going on for the last few years. Here's the numbers percentagewise for about the last 10 or 12 years of what's been going on with appropriations in this state. I think this is worthwhile remembering. State agencies have increased 97 percent; state aid to individuals, 189 percent; state aid to local government, 125 percent; the budget for the University of Nebraska system, 70 percent. So the closest one is 27 percent higher over this period of years than the University of Nebraska.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR JOHNSON: We've been cutting the university relative to these other agencies for the last 10 or 12 years. Now we're going from this area to cutting them or suggesting cutting them even more. This doesn't make good sense to me. One last thing. You're going to get a legislative resolution about making higher education more efficient. This is a way of looking at what we do, how we govern higher education, and when this is brought