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certain new immigrants who come into the state with special issues. We have issues that I've been working on through juvenile justice and criminal justice of disproportionate minority confinement, of juveniles, of disparities between who's on probation and who's in the correctional system. The Crime Commission has worked on these disparities and the Corrections Department. So we have lots of things that really could come together for some policy issues, and how do we get to that? And so I had looked at a couple of other states and some other ideas that were out there and had thought about bringing a bill at the beginning of this session to create an Office of Minority Affairs and New Immigration, and I chose not to introduce that bill for a number of reasons. One is that we never seem to like to create something new, so I wasn't sure this was the year to bring that with the budget crisis in its form and whether it would come to attention. But in the Appropriations Committee, when we realized the magnitude of this year's budget crisis, we began a sorting process and we talked about what we...what comes first and what comes second, and in my view advocacy wasn't as high a priority as a direct service--taking care of a person in our veterans' home, investigating child abuse. It was hard to put advocacy agencies at that level. And because of the budget crisis, and I think I probably told some of you this, I felt every day we made all these decisions and I never felt good about any of them. I didn't feel good when we voted something back in, and I didn't feel good when we voted something out, because these are things that probably wouldn't have come to the forefront were we not in this crisis situation. So there are some things I do think we should be doing over the next couple years, and we were hoping when we took the vote in Appropriations, the majority, that maybe we would be able to get to that within this interim and get recommendations to the Legislature next year. But it's pretty...some of the things are fairly obvious. These aren't the only populations...

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...that have special needs in Nebraska. We have Asian Americans. We have a new population of Sudanese that have been coming into the state. We have lots of minority populations, and how are their voices heard? We also know that