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Nebraska. And as you see on the note that I passed out, what I did was I laid out the numbers. And if there was a lower agency from the Governor, we used that number out of his budget total, and if there was a lower agency total from the Appropriations Committee, I used that number. One thing that I think has been unfair to the Appropriations Committee in this process is that the Appropriations Committee made \$22 million in cuts where the Governor didn't, \$22 million. Now, obviously, they had different priorities as far as how to get to that number. But I want to make sure...and I've shared this with Senator Wehrbein. I want to make sure that the Appropriations Committee knows that I didn't approach this amendment as how do you get one or the other, but a reality of how do we come to the middle. Because in order to accomplish the savings that I'm proposing under AM1763 and potential amendments that might follow, you still have to have some revenue. And so we can't just say, well, we're going to try and zero everything out and protect these things and go home. And because of that, I'm willing to extend LB 1085, which is something that I never honestly thought I would ever say in my lifetime, Senator Landis. But I think that we can make a compelling reason for it. I would also be willing to advance LB 283, which includes the alcohol tax, which includes what I believe is a very...I don't know if "heroic" is the word, but a very amazing agreement by Senator Landis to delay a program that he worked so hard to implement. So, potentially, that is where we're at, as I see it. I will also share with you this. The total dollar savings in LB...or, in AM1763 is \$80 million. Now you're going to say, I thought you were going to come up with \$100 million. Well, if you'll look down on the bottom of the sheet, there are not additional amendments filed to AM1763 because of a couple reasons. One, we have a delicate process, we have a delicate balancing act. I believe I have presented a rational...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...approach to this point. There are amendment after amendment that can be filed to save dollars left and right, that don't affect the higher priorities that I have set. Now, those are my priorities, those are the priorities I believe the body has spoken on. That's what I've tried to present to