

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

May 13, 2003

LB 407

the body. But there are other savings. I listed \$28 million in additional savings, not including other amendments that might be offered. There are other dollars to be found. But I believe what's offered in AM1763 is a middle ground, based on what I've heard the body say. And if you don't like where some of the cuts are, I believe we are truly now at the point where you will go to say, education, give up some more money for this program. I believe we are truly at that point today, after AM1763. I will also share with you this. If you have questions, ask them. Sometimes I'm going to turn you to Senator Wehrbein, because some of the numbers are...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...from the committee. But I believe that we can do our best in answering the questions, and I would appreciate your support in doing that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. You heard the opening on AM1763, offered by Senator Erdman to LB 407. Open for discussion. Senator Quandahl, followed by Senator Bourne and eight others. Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I too, I guess, had been waiting for a day like today, a day when we can address, or at least try to come together with figuring out exactly how big the appropriations package is going to be, so that we can craft an appropriate revenue solution to that problem. And in doing that, I looked back...I'm kind of one of those people that believes that...I like to know what I'm doing as we get there. And so hopefully this won't bore the body or anybody else that happens to be listening right now. But the reason why I punched my button, the reason why I get up and to speak, is because I support a couple of different concepts, but the first and foremost concept that I support is I support the concept of fulfilling our constitutional duty as senators on this floor. If you look at the Constitution of the state of Nebraska...and I don't believe that we've spoken of the Constitution of the state of Nebraska in conjunction with the budget process so far, at least I haven't heard that...Article III, Section 22, it requires the Legislature to