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from Governor Johanns'...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: ...budget, he took some of the best ideas from Senator Raikes and the Education Committee, combined with some of the best ideas from Senator Brashear, the Judiciary Committee, including community corrections, Health and Human Services, with what Jim Jensen has been doing with his committee there. And then also under the leadership of Speaker Bromm, I think that we can come together with the best idea for a budget and a tax revenue plan for the state of Nebraska. And so that's what I support. I support the idea of all of us getting together...and that includes the Legislature, that includes the Governor's Office, that includes all of us here that have a chance to vote on this particular budget...to come up with a balanced budget. And together, Nebraska will get through this, stronger, better. But we have to do it. It's a constitutional mandate. And so that's...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: ...just my philosophy. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Quandahl. The first five speakers are Senators Bourne, Redfield, Mossey, Wehrbein, Smith, and 11 others. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I guess...I don't know who it was that said this is where the rubber meets the road, and I guess we shall see. This will be interesting. Before we get into too much of the debate, I wanted to visit a minute about an editorial that was in the paper the other day. And I wanted to ask Senator Wehrbein a question or two if I might, if he's...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.