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SENATOR ERDMAN: They're not.

SENATOR FRIEND: Are you just saying, hey, this could happen? Or is there something on line right now that we could look at?

SENATOR ERDMAN: These are comments made to me by other members. And I believe that when you get to this level, then you start dividing the body pretty substantially on...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...a number of areas.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thanks.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Friend and Senator Erdman. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. First of all, I do want to compliment Senator Erdman on his presentation, and also mention the fact that if you're not on the Appropriations Committee, if you're not on the Revenue Committee, to really make adjustments into this budget process is a very, very difficult situation. I've experienced that over the last nine years, that it is very difficult to make changes onto this. And I appreciate Senator Wehrbein, who says if you have any changes, if you have any amendments, get them filed, as we approach this time and this period in the Legislature where you must make those decisions. And they're very difficult to do. I will say that I certainly can live with the bottom number of this. And as...is a number that I've been looking forward to supporting. Yes, I was one of those who voted for LB 1085, and for us to carry that forward I think makes sense. Yes, I can certainly support some of the things that Senator Landis did in the alcohol tax. I would like to see that larger. And as a matter of fact, the Nebraska voters, by an 85 percent voting...or, in a poll, said they could too, they could also expand cigarette taxes. But I think we need to look at this, and I don't know where the body will come down, but I think the number is there that is one, I think, that you would