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find acceptable by most of this body. How we get to that, and if there are adjustments that need to be made in that, I think it is up to us to do that. But for me, I can certainly accept this number. What's it do to our higher education, what's it do to HHS, what's it do to some of those I think is something that we need to determine for ourselves. But it is a number that I find acceptable. And we knew coming in that there was going to be a lot of pain involved in this process. Any time that you have a shortfall that is this large, there's no way that you can go through this without a great deal of pain. And raising taxes, there's a lot of pain in that also, a lot of pain by those individuals that must pay that. In my district, I have a number of senior citizens that are on a fixed income, but, really, they don't have a choice. Well, there might be a choice--either stay here or move away. And I had mentioned it on a previous time when I spoke that I really have a number of my peers that are choosing to move out of the state. And if we start raising taxes to the point that they say, I'm not going to take this anymore and, yes, I will take steps and, yes, I will move, then those that are left here end up paying a higher percentage. I feel that the bottom number on this is one that I think the body can accept. And I would like to propose that we at least give this very, very serious consideration, and if there are adjustments in it, that we would try to make those adjustments. But it is one that is much more palatable to me than go out and raise taxes substantially. And that's where we were headed. And that, I just cannot find acceptance in doing that. So at this point in time, I stand in support of Senator Erdman's proposal. I think that we should give it serious consideration, and work, if it is unacceptable in certain areas, that we work on those areas, but certainly to work towards the bottom line of this issue, and that's either we make some cuts that certainly are painful, or that we across the board raise taxes that are also very, very painful to a lot of people, and those people are those who are on a fixed income, that have a pension coming in, that don't have a choice as to where to spend that. And so I would, at this point in time, support the Erdman amendment. Not in total, but certainly as one to work from.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.