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the work of all of the Standing Committees of this Legislature, who debated these issues at length, heard testimony at length, made decisions to recommend to this body, working with the Chairs and the Appropriations Committee to come up with a product. I'm not convinced that the Appropriations Committee product is that bad. I think they've done an excellent job. But Senator Erdman's amendment, state wards alone... Senator Erdman, you put education as your number one priority, and you've proceeded to just whack it. And I... this isn't personally something that I can live with. I'm not sure of everybody else. State wards, in case you don't know it, goes right back to the K through 12 school district. We send these state wards into the school district. We give them the dollars to pay for the state ward, generally not as much as it costs to educate them. And now we're talking about taking the money away. Who's going to pay for that? If you don't go to increase property taxes, then you're going to reduce services to the other students in that school district. We debated this at length in the Education Committee, and we chose to kill that bill. It wasn't something that we felt as a state is good public policy. It's easy to say, let's cut 5 percent administrative staff at Health and Human Services, and direct the language to the Policy Cabinet on how it's done, but we don't sit over there and "micromanage" how they do it. How many jobs... how many of their own jobs do you think they're going to cut? History has told us, not very many. It's going to go down to front-line workers. The only way we'll find out about it is when our constituents call us and they aren't getting services. But will we be able to go back and find out how many of those people were reduced in staff? No. Would we all like to find another \$80 million or \$100 million to cut out of that budget? Yes, if we could wave the magic wand. I don't see... I don't see, in the Erdman amendment, where we're getting there. We can't accept all these cuts. And I don't think anybody has stood up here and said that they would. Senator Jensen very appropriately said, well, I... there are things that I don't like, things I can't cut; I will support the amendment. But I'm not sure he'd support all those cuts, or he'd support the entire amendment. Are we spending a lot of time talking about this issue and where are we getting to the bottom line? Is there any compromise talk going on around here on where we can take the