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we are now engaged in a lawsuit involving the Missouri River. Now, the Missouri River, it sounds like, oh, well, that's just over there; that's not going to be a problem. Well, there is restriction efforts being made by other states upstream from Nebraska that want to restrict the water that would be coming down the Missouri and we have designated an attorney representative, whom I talked to just a little while ago, up in North Dakota, where they are in the process of trying to represent Nebraska's interest in this matter. But I had asked Mr. Cookson, who represents the state in this water matter, I said, what are the economic benefits of the Missouri River to the state of Nebraska? And in 2002 the National Academy of Science reports on the Missouri River determined that...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...the net amount of need to the state of Nebraska...we would lose, if we would lose this lawsuit, we would lose up to \$424 million to the state of Nebraska. So is that worth saving? Of course it is. And that's why we felt in that instance that we needed to be represented in this matter. In addition to that, we look at the Supreme Court. Many of the items in the Supreme Court, it sounds good to just reduce a large amount from them, but most of the items are constitutional. We have to fund our court systems. The other part of it is, and it was tried earlier, reduce the amount of probation. Okay, you reduce the amount of probation, which is under the Supreme Court, and what do you do? You have to incarcerate the people, which on the other end increases our penitentiary occupancy. So the point is that with each of these things that we have analyzed and that we have, in our report, in that goldenrod copy, we have gone through in an effort to try to find the basic needs of the state and try to determine what we should...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...fund and what we should not fund. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator