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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: It's not a time for the timid, for that will only make matters worse. Rather, it is a true moment of truth for bold leadership and courage. Then Mr. Fredrickson talks about a personal experience. It is a painful process. While I am in no way trying to suggest that running a state government is like running a business or a family budget, there are some commonalities. I know from personal experience. In the past two years, I've been involved with and had to make some very difficult decisions in cutting budget, staff, doing more with less, and just plain and simply doing without in many instances. People in all corners of our state are getting by with less, much less in many cases. For the state to do anything different would seem to me to be a grave injustice. These times and these circumstances aren't exactly what you signed up to do, I understand, though it is these times and circumstances that I know bring out the best in our strong leaders. I thank Mr. Fredrickson for...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: ...bringing that tone to the debate. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Quandahl. Senator Friend, on the Erdman amendment.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, this weekend I happened to, mainly because I knew it as coming, I found an article out there that kind of laid out a little bit of...not an analogy, but threw out some senators' names and it said...and I know, I've been in this business, I know how this works, I've written the same type of stories...that these senators wanted the best of both worlds. I want to know what the best of both worlds are out here. I'm not seeing it. Somebody could help me out with that, I'd love it. I just want, with that in mind, in that spirit, I wanted to reiterate some of the reasoning, at least that I've had, as far as my decision making in the last two or three weeks. While the