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amendment. I remember the first time I looked up and saw eight green lights from the Revenue Committee and every other light red on the board and thought, don't they appreciate what the committee has done? They looked at this in detail. They spend all their time with numbers. And, yet, the body said no. And that's what democracy is all about and that's hard to understand sometimes when you don't get your way. But somehow or other I think we're going to have to come up with a figure that's somewhere between the Governor and the Appropriations Committee. This is a proposal and we've certainly had a lot of discussion. I think maybe now it's time to get down to the nitty-gritty and talk about the details and say, how do we arrange the dollars in there, and what is the final number?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Is it \$300 million in tax increases? Is it \$250 million in tax increases? And to the citizens of Nebraska, yes, there's a tax increase. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Combs.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I want to thank, too, Senator Erdman, for his handful of rocks that he has thrown on the water. And Senator Chambers will recognize this story, that the waters were troubled once a year at the pool of Bethesda and people laid there and whoever got in first got healed, but the waters had to be troubled by the angel first. And, of course, he wasn't lucky enough to have his friends get him in there fast enough, so Jesus came by and fixed him. But this amendment, even though it, like Phil has said, is not perfect and does not cut everything specifically perhaps the way it should be, it's a wonderful handful of rocks that's in there troubling the waters. And if our patient is going to get healed, they need to walk into troubled waters. It ain't easy and it don't feel good. And I'm new, so I'm still listening, I'm processing everything. I know that we're taking care of a sick patient. We've got him in the ER and they're hemorrhaging to death. We don't have enough blood on hand to put in him to get him out of shock. Tax money is blood and none of us like to shed extra blood to put into the dying patient, but we're going