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to have to do something to reverse the shock that's happening to our patient right now. So it's not fun and it's not easy, but the waters are troubled and I thank Senator Erdman for that. I would like to comment on some of my personal opinions up to this point. I do agree that we may need some kind of an extension of LB 1085. I would like to see a sunset date on that simply because we are living in a fluctuating economy and I would not like to see it...those increases extended on forever. I believe we owe that to our people and to the economy of Nebraska to keep an eye on it and not just take a free lunch and...at their expense and say we've got this money to spend forever. I remember having a conversation with Senator Landis early in the session on the steps of a Holiday Inn. We talked about the budget. We talked about having to serve food to the people of Nebraska as a mandate of the constitution, and having to go from a turkey platter perhaps down to a dinner plate. And I think that's what we need to do, and we are doing that. I'd like to see more consensus. I think this is a great...the waters are troubled. This is wonderful. And I like what I hear when I hear people say we're moving to consensus, we're giving here. I'm willing to give two-thirds to go back a third. That's what it's going to take to get this budget ironed out, and like Senator Brown said, from the executive side too. And I believe we've begun to hear some of that from our Governor, but it's going to take working hand in hand together. I would surely hate to see this boil down to a battle of vetoes and overrides. I really think we're bigger than that. And I think that we got enough smarts here and enough wisdom and enough knowledge about what's going on to perhaps not take exactly Senator Erdman's leap of faith, but to at least admit that we do need to take a leap of faith. We do not know the outcome of what we're going to be doing. That's why it needs to be temporary, but it needs to be something that's effective that does not hurt education and healthcare. As far as what we do spend on higher education, it's true that we are in the middle as far as tuition goes. However, if you look on governing.com's web site, the information there shows that Nebraska ranks seventh in the nation per capita spending on higher education.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.