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might argue that a cut to K-12 education of \$125 million is absurd, or the cuts of the magnitude that the Governor had recommended to the university is absurd. I'm not sure it's appropriate to say these things in the paper, although he certainly has the right to do that. I'll tell you, I've been in the Legislature for five years and I think last night was the first time that we actually made strides towards making a more efficient government. Senator Dwite Pedersen handed out papers that said we have one of the highest, in terms of people serving their entire sentence, here in Nebraska we have one of the highest of that in the entire country. We have one of the shortest times of people on parole, so what that means to me is we have people that should be paroled that aren't. And to say that we're simply releasing 500 inmates into society, is...that is absurd. We, until we start making structural changes to actually reduce the size of this government, we will never ever solve this budget problem. Sure, we'll get through this economic downturn, but we'll be back here in two years if we don't do some significant structural changes. And to me, again, this is the first time in five years that we've actually reduced the size of government instead of growing it through various programs and adding employees and adding facilities and building buildings. That's the first time that we've actually reduced the size of government, and I'm proud to say that we did it; that we took a step forward and reduced the size of government. And, Senator Schimek, if you...I see that you have a reconsideration motion. I'll be on the same side as I was last night. We did the right thing and I'll stand by that and I'll say that to anyone. And as far as Senator Wehrbein said about the arm-twisting, I haven't read that article but I will tell you this; that any time that I have ever had an amendment drafted through the Appropriations Committee staff, they have been absolutely helpful, even though it's probably the wrong thing in terms of what the committee recommended or wanted. I have never experienced where I've been shut down or turned aside or any of that, from any committee for that matter. The other day I had an amendment that Senator Raikes was absolutely opposed to, and his legal counsel drafted it for me, Senator Raikes reviewed it, found an error that I had done and suggested ways to make it better, even though he absolutely disagreed with the amendment. And I think the same would be true with Senator