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aren't realistic. Fine, but that doesn't mean that we stop looking. And so I'm halfway tempted to continue to revise some of my amendment and offer parts of it again, but I'm also tempted not to, because I'm not sure if there will be a willingness to do that. So...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...I'll continue to listen, but again I do rise with two arms that work fully, Senator Vrtiska, last I checked, and we had a difference of opinion yesterday as far as where some of the cuts should be made. That's what it was. But I do think that there is a number of members in the body that would like to see some different things and hopefully those will continue to arrive either via some of the members or through a group. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of FA1359. Senator Brashear, followed by Senator Stuthman, Beutler, Bromm, Mines, and others. Senator Brashear waives his opportunity. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. First of all, I would just like to thank Senator Bromm and Senator Wehrbein, you know, for the work that they've done on this. This just shows that since they've been in the body quite a number of years the experience that they have, you know, with this, and I really appreciate that as a freshman senator. But one of the things that I have to really deal with in my own mind is I've just come off the campaign trail approximately six, seven months ago. On the campaign a lot of the issues were, you know, don't cut education and don't raise taxes. This is a situation that we're faced with right here on this spot at this time. I think if any one of the people that were up for reelection or election at that time for the last election would have said, we plan to cut education and raise your taxes and that's going to be the stand, I don't think a one of them would have got elected to this position. They did also comment that it's going to be some real tough times down here, probably coming in on probably the worst of the worst events on the budget shortfall, and I really didn't realize it until probably