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think we are giving those persons a very bad time. I'm even more disturbed about the cuts to higher education. And what's frustrating about it is that we've got \$20 million laying on the table, \$20 million that won't hurt a single person or a single group. Are we ready to consider that against these kinds of cuts? I'm talking about 2 cents on a can of beer. So we are going to increase property taxes here. And are we saying that that's better than putting 2 cents on a can of beer? We're going to raise tuition at our higher education, and certainly that's a far better solution than raising beer by 2 cents. Now, I'm not picking on beer. I'm taking any kind of a product that is undertaxed. And this one clearly is undertaxed, because the present tax is 2 cents. Are we going to put our kids in a deficit for their own development, which is economic development, for us? Has economic development lost favor so much that we consider it less important than keeping 2 cents off of a can of beer? We are talking about community colleges where there's the greatest growth in persons, where there is the greatest...persons who haven't been to college and whose families haven't been to college, where there's the best chance for economic development, where we can be favored and they can be favored. But it's better to cut them than 2 cents on a can of beer? Where are our priorities? There are a lot of...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR KRUSE: ...other things where we're testing that priority, and I salute that. I am very grateful to Senator Erdman for getting this conversation started yesterday. And he did it in a very good way. I hope we continue in a good way. We look at the priorities that we have, and we look at \$20 million laying on the table that is not going to hurt a single person or a single group. I thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator McDonald, followed by Senator Loudon.

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President, members of the body, I too, my top priority is education. And I have a lot of rural schools out in my communities. And when I met with them this fall prior to this session, they came to me and said, you know what, taxes