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happened out at Clay Center I think is wrong, and it's painful. And I don't want more of that activity to take place. It is a fact of life that Kansas State, who is less productive agriculturally than we are, spends more than the University of Nebraska on ag research. So we are lacking in ag research. The university is lacking the resources, or they haven't put their priority there. You draw your conclusions. But I would like to see more money channeled into ag research than is being done, and into the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. I think it's woefully underfunded. Senator Wehrbein, if I may ask you kind of a philosophical question? And I know you're working on some numbers. The Highway Trust Fund...first of all, we've gone through two regular sessions of cuts, a special session of cuts. The Highway Trust Fund seems to have gone unscathed in all this. Is that the case?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, would you respond?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, in terms of taking cuts from the Highway Trust Fund, yes.

SENATOR SCHROCK: And I know that for some people that's sacred. And I can tell you, roads are important to rural Nebraska. But I'm wondering...you know, they got a 7.7 percent increase from the year 2001 to the year 2002. And I'm wondering if there isn't a little bit of wiggle room there. And maybe a cut can be taken there, a temporary cut. I wouldn't support any permanent cuts. If there could be something...some adjustments there to maybe help out some of our other problem areas. And I consider education a problem area. And you know, since when did the Highway Trust Fund become sacred in all these budget cutting...in all this budget cutting process? And has the Appropriations Committee taken a long, hard look at that?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, Senator Schrock, we have done...we did...a year ago, you know, we did take the money...the difference between the 5 and the 5.5 percent.

SENATOR SCHROCK: But if I may interrupt, that was a windfall increase.