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to meet those mandates, if you will, entitlements, if you will, or whatever in that area of the budget and still not take the rest of state government down to literally zero in due time. And until somebody eases those mandates, which I doubt, until we figure out a way to take care of the long-term nursing home care, and by the way I've got a chart back here that shows those breakdowns of the percent of care that goes to long-term nursing home care, child care, so forth and so forth, and long-term nursing home care wins, and it's going up and up. So we've got a huge burden to prove there, whether we do it with tax credits, "incentives," carry...look backs. I don't know what...I don't know what I'd answer. There's some answers I don't know. But I think this is the best that we can do for this year without damaging a whole generation of kids, as I've said this morning, whether in kindergarten or whether they're in college. We have some obligations to that future also. And so we have lots of challenges ahead and it's going to take the best thinking of all of us in this room as well as statewide, but I would ask, when you go to your forums and your things or actually in the editorials, give us some answers, because even the editorials are woefully short of the answers. I added up real quickly those ones that were opposed. Mean, they're peanuts in terms of the dilemma. So we do have some long-term work to do and so I hope you can take that into account as we move to advance this bill, because there's plenty of challenges ahead. And we need to do some things about some things that I don't know...I'm at a loss to know what to do, and especially in the area of mandates and the elderly, which there's a big percent in this state, those kinds of things, none of us which want to leave in the street. We want to take care of our development disabilities and so forth and so on and...but we have to run basic state government. So with that, Mr. Speaker, I'll close. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. You've heard the closing. Senator Mossey, for a motion.

SENATOR MOSSEY: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 407 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion to advance LB 407 to