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all the needs and wants of the citizens of Nebraska once again. And so I hope you strongly consider this in the big picture, that this is a budget that does, by and large, solve our problems. Obviously, it doesn't meet everybody's desires and concerns. Probably never will happen, to get 25, 30, 33 people to agree on what we're to do for the best of the state of Nebraska. We all have our separate ideas about that. And to get those to jell and come together at this time is always a challenge. And so in a lot of ways this year has been no different, except the numbers were bigger. It's kind of like the call I got last night, a person that didn't identify himself. But he said, you know, we have to...and it was an older voice...but, we have to think of our future. We can't be thinking always of ourselves, but we have to think of our future. He was referring to the education of our kids, our young people, our college students, if you will. So K-12 is involved in this, and so is higher education involved in this. And so there's a variety of issues, all of which you know, that I'm not going to belabor. And I know there's been discussions in the lobby this morning by all of you. So there is a difference of opinion. And we're working out...this is where those ideas collide. So I hope you'll take this very seriously, and consider what this next two-year budget does. It sets the stage, not only for this next two years, but in many ways, from my opinion, going back to what I said in January, it sets the stage for this century. Tough times are not going to last forever. And sometimes you just have to take the bull by the horns, if you will, and move through. I hope things get better. We don't know when they will, but we know that they will. And so I think education, in my mind, particularly, is too important to let it fall by the wayside, a generation of young people, to prepare them for the future that obviously is going to be challenging to all of them. So that's all I intend, really, to say. But once again, if it was good a week ago, if it was good two weeks ago, I think it ought to be good today, and to vote your conscience on along that line. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. You've heard the opening on the motion to override the Governor's veto. Open for discussion on that motion of LB 407. Senator Dwite Pedersen, followed by Senators Beutler and Bromm. Senator Dwite