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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...more people. And somehow or other, on Final Reading, people stood up and did what they felt they had to do. And I think that is extremely...it's not popular, but we're taking care of state's business. We're taking care of the people whose needs that we have no other alternative to take care of. We're investing in our future. We have confidence that this is the kind of state we want for our kids and our grandkids. And people are simply stepping up to the plate to do what we have to do. There will be better times. There will be easier times. This just doesn't happen to be one of them. And so we will do, hopefully, what we need to do. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Stuthman, followed by Senators Vrtiska and Jensen.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. First of all, I would like to...as a freshman senator, I would like to congratulate, and I admire the work that the Appropriations Committee has done. In the short time that I've been here, it's been very interesting and very rewarding to me to see the older senators in their performance, and what they bring to the body. The thing that I am really concerned about, and that I have a real issue with, is education, the education that we are giving to our kids, to our young people, to our adults. This is something that we do not want to shortchange. In the business that I am, with farming and livestock producer, we work on prevention instead of treatment. And the only way that you get this prevention...and by the prevention is, is what I am saying, is the education of the people, hopefully to keep them out of the treatment area, the prisons, the correction facilities. We need to continually educate these people. If we fall short on the education portion of it, and continually let the costs escalate on the prisons, the correction facilities, the work places, the work camps that we have to provide for these people, we're looking at it in the wrong way. We need to continually educate these people so that in the future, we hope, have less people that are needed, that are...will be in these facilities. And this is what I look at. I look at it in a