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that Senator Jensen has come to, I think that this is about the best that we can do. I too look back over the four major areas that this body really needs to contend with. What has this Legislature accomplished? Well, in K-12, we slowed the transition away from property taxes, but we're still heading in that direction. Public schools in Nebraska are excellent. I think that we are something in the neighborhood of either second or third in the country in people that graduate from high school. And I think that they get a good education. Our teacher pay, we hear, is poor, forty-seventh in the country. But our administrative expenses are in the range of fifth. We can do better. How about Health and Human Services? As Senator Jensen mentioned, they've gone up 1,500 percent since 1978. But we've made some progress this last year; 23,000 people were taken off of the rolls. The Health and Human Services Committee came pretty close to following the Governor's blueprint as to what we did. We have begun massive changes away from the centralized mental health, to local programs. We need to continue this. We have slowed the cost of medications. What do we need to do yet? We need to further reduce the numbers. We need to put in incentives so that the patients do the right things to save money. Here's a little interesting thing to remember. If you're a girl and you want to end up on poverty, here's the choice. You have three things. If you graduate from high school, get married after 20, and have a baby after 20, you stand only a 7 percent chance of ending up on the poverty rolls. Break all three rules, and it's a 77 percent chance. Prisons. Senator Pedersen has spoke eloquently about this, and I won't go further, other than to mention that I deviated from the Governor's proposal in that he recommended that we have an increase of \$32 million for our prisons, and at the same time decreasing the budget to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JOHNSON: ...the university \$130 million. Higher education has gotten a lot of support from me. But last session, its budget was cut. It was cut in the special session. And it was cut again this year. But higher education can become more efficient. We have community colleges, state colleges, and the university system. They are not an integrated system. They