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will support the legislation that we have in place. And Mr. President, thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, motion to override. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, I think I made it clear in the discussion this morning what my actions are going to be this afternoon. But I felt compelled to say a little bit in response to what Senator Jensen handed out, because I looked at the same information and arrived at a different conclusion. I absolutely believe that we have to deal with the issues that are posed in this document. I think that we need to do more than we've done, a lot more than we've done. I just happen to believe that the work of the Appropriations Committee, by looking at cuts that were cuts of entire programs, is...positions us better to do these kinds of structural changes than across-the-board cuts do. We have to make changes to Medicaid, make changes to the correctional system. And if what we did in a fairly short period of time on Select File on LB 407 was not the right answer, we have time to deal with it. But we better find out what the right answer is. Because when you look at the growth in Medicaid, the growth in corrections, and the growth in state aid to schools, there is no way that we can sustain it. We can't keep doing it. We could be voting on a tax increase the size that we have before us today a little bit later, every other year, and we won't be able to keep up with it, not at the extent that these things are growing. So we've got to figure out how to do it. I didn't see a lot of meaningful structural changes. And I saw more of that from the Appropriations Committee in actually dealing with entire programs, and really making some hard choices. And I intend to commit much of this document to memory, and try to figure out ways that we can do something about it. But for right now, for what we have before us, I will be voting with the Appropriations Committee. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I just