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Appropriations Committee for the hard work that they do, and I know it's difficult. I know it's difficult because I can't even balance my book in the hundreds of dollars when they have to work in the millions of dollars, so I know it has to be difficult, and we, as a body, certainly appreciate the time and effort that they spend. Having said that, I must tell you that I have a real difficult time with the letters I'm getting, e-mails I'm getting, and the telephone calls I'm getting regarding the raising of the levy to \$1.10. Now I understand that the money has to be gotten somewhere, but you know we're looking at a time when totally across the country production agriculture is suffering a lot of losses. Everybody knows that. That's part of our fis...that's part of our fiscal problem. Carry-over losses are being now utilized by many of the people in production agriculture to offset the amount of taxes they pay. At that same time, we're going to those people and saying we're going to raise the taxes on your real estate, on your property. I wonder how many can afford it. How many young people are you going to drive out of business because they just can't afford to continue? I don't like to be a person of gloom and doom but I can tell you that from the messages I've been getting there is a small upheaval against these kind of actions. That's not anyway solving the problem that we're here to solve except just bringing the message that's being brought to me and I suspect many of you are hearing the same thing that I am. I guess my main reason for discussing this is I'd like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question, if I could. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Will you yield, Senator Wehrbein?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Wehrbein, is it absolutely necessary that we, in fact, and I know you talked about it this morning, but I'd like to have you talk about it on the floor, necessary that we actually put the \$150 million, \$160 million into the budget this particular year in order...and then try to balance the budget? Is that critical?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: For the low-level nuclear waste issue you're talking about?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Pardon?