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that have realized an increase over the past four years, well, the Health and Human Services System is one. They were 6.9 percent of the budget. They're now up to 7.3 percent. Corrections, they are now a bigger percentage of the budget than they were four years ago. Medicaid is obviously a much bigger part of the budget than it was four years ago. Public assistance is another one. TEEOSA, state aid to schools, the item we're talking about now, is pretty much dead even. We're about the same percentage as we were four years ago. So if you're going to make these drastic cuts, if you're going to...or not...maybe not drastic cuts, but cuts that yield these huge amounts of savings,...

SENATOR HARTNETT: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...you're going to have to go into areas that are somewhat protected, or at least very, very difficult--Medicaid, public assistance, and so on. So I would...I would urge you to keep that in mind. Again, I urge you not to...to vote for the reconsideration and to advance, vote to advance LB 1093 on to Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Chambers, you're next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there are some discussions going on, but until some kind of determination is reached, I'm going to proceed awhile longer. And so that you all won't feel that this is a total waste, there was not much more we were going to do this evening anyway. Even if this bill had advanced already, we were not probably going to start on LB 1083, which is that bill of Senator Jensen's which has caused him to become one of the most hated men in the state, in certain parts of the state, even more so than me. So it's not likely we would have undertaken the commencement of a debate on that bill, so what I'm doing is creating a record for some other purposes. But to explain how things work with the law, one state cannot obtain jurisdiction over somebody in another state unless the person in that other state has sufficient connection to the state that wants the jurisdiction to have what the law would call a nexus or a tie-in that would justify