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hold the line. I mean ideally you could say next year's budget could be the same as this year and we'll have increased revenue to cut some of that. But what our frustration, as Senator Pederson just said, is if we make undue cuts this next fiscal year when we may not have to do that next year because next year's budget will come through starting June or July 1 of 2005, we'll be able to bring some things into balance, remembering there's going to be a huge pent-up demand for increased spending those out two years and it will be very critical to hold the line on that spending. But I was going to go down here line by line. The Governor's Office admittedly has offered to take those cuts and probably could be taken.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I think, and I don't have any inside information, but the issue here is there is a...that is a pretty bare-bones budget, and obviously the Governor has taken the leadership in holding the line on spending. But I leave that up to you, if you think there's all the staffing in there that a Governor should have, just as the same issue here. The Supreme Court was held harmless in our budget and in the Legislature. Now the next step next year will be to cut legislative staff, perhaps, if we have to take further cuts. I know there's resistance to that. By the same token, the Governor has reduced his FTE over the last few years, and how much can we expect another branch of government or the Supreme Court, which I have a whole...I will have a whole ream of material on that when we get to the Supreme Court. The same is true of the Office of Lieutenant Governor. Perhaps that could be taken.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Pederson and Senator Wehrbein. Senator Brown, followed by Senator Engel, Bourne, Wehrbein, Redfield, Cunningham, Smith, Kruse, Preister, Beutler, and Stuhr.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, to go back for just a moment to these pretty little pie charts that my staff put together because I think it does give a good visualization, and the point that I'm trying to make in relation to the Redfield amendment is how difficult it is to address the level of a problem that we