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year's budget. I commend them on it. They looked at it very carefully. They talked to a lot of people, and it was not across the board. It was not across the board. But I would be so bold as to say that Appropriations made it a better job, because we went over and reviewed and found more information, as Senator Wehrbein indicated. I would respond also to the thought that we have to deal with raised taxes. That's a very painful concern. The problem with this particular list, I'm not really talking about the amendment, I'm just looking at this list, that's not why we're raising taxes. This is not the list of increases. Senator Engel and I have been talking about someday of getting all of us to look down the road after, you know, during interim to figure out what direction we're going, and especially on these that keep increasing. This list does not include the increases. We could, for instance, cut every agency in the...in our government by 20 percent. Cut every agency by 20 percent, we'd only pick up 1 percent of our budget. That's not where the money is. That's not where the increases have been. We have to look, instead, at what has cost us the extra money and the reasons for it--the elderly in rest homes, the corrections, K-12. These are the items that have kept increasing. If we work together, we can figure out how to deal with that. If we work together, we can figure out the revenue that is necessary. Senator Hartnett has a bill coming along that's \$100 million, take 100 off of figures all the way across. Remember, if it takes of the first one, it takes it off the last one also. I would urge us to be very thoughtful about cutting agencies that have already been crippled in order to deal with these great increases, newly funded programs that we are facing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Preister, followed by Senator Beutler and others.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President. Members of the body, when I raised the question earlier about...not Senator Redfield's amendment. Although, Senator Redfield, I do appreciate your attempt at getting us to where we eventually have to be on the budget. My comments at this point are really dealing with horse racing. And I did get a copy of the Nebraska State Fair information booklet that was handed out to us on LR 209CA, and in there it does show live horse racing with