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in our back yards. What we do have we call the good life. And I think Nebraska is a pretty good life, and a good place to raise your family. And if you want to do that, it's going to cost you. It's going to cost you. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the motion to reconsider, Senator Kruse.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Janssen, a quick response to your thoughts about assessors in the old days. I'm old enough to remember that. Our unfortunate situation was that the assessor was my grandfather, who had had his picture taken by my mother. So we had to turn in that we did have a camera in our household, and that doubled the number of cameras in our part of the county. I will respond to a couple of items, in terms of whether this is an option or not, a little play on words earlier by a speaker. Yes, we've got various options, and one option is to do nothing. But certainly it is my judgment, and it was the judgment of the Appropriations Committee as they brought it to the floor, that that was not prudent. We have talked a lot about the settlement. And that's driving our thoughts. And I wouldn't set that aside in any way. That has to drive our thoughts. But that's not the only thing out there. There is a hole, folks. We can get through this biennium, as several of us have said, without worrying about cash flow. We can get through June of next summer. But on July 1 of next summer, we get a bill for \$162 million. The Governor has suggested, and we agree, that we can take 2 million...or 2 years to take care of that bill, but that's a real bill. It's real money. We have to cut or add revenue to take care of the reserve for the next biennium, and it will hit the budget that starts on July 1. I just emphasize to folks, that is real. And to come up to that with all of our reserves spent and down to zero and saying, oh well, maybe the sun will come up tomorrow; well, the sun will come up tomorrow, but it won't rain money on us, even from Senator...ever from that little rainbow that we had in the sky a little bit earlier. I urge that we find an option. I have my preferences, but that's not the point right now. It is that there is more than one thing facing us on the horizon. And as we look at our options,