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that. And I find it interesting that many times we very carefully weigh the expertise of one committee while we ignore the expertise of another. Senator Friend is sharing with you basic economic principles. They have been proven over and over in state after state in country after country. He's not making it up because he likes what he sees. He's making it up because the statistics support it. We have burdened the people in Nebraska. In the last two years, we have increased their burden. Their pocketbooks are less full than they were. That is why we have a revenue crunch. And, in fact, it is a good time to let economic growth occur in our state. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Quandahl, on the Janssen amendment.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I guess I wanted to...the last time I spoke I said, just say no. I want to be a little bit more positive this time, and I do want to commend the Appropriations Committee for the work that they've done this year. And if you look at what the Appropriations Committee did do, is that they put forth a package that essentially is doable without any tax increases. Now I do know that there are those out there that would prefer to make some provisions for the future, and that is understandable. As Senator Wehrbein said, what business out there doesn't try to plan for the future based on projections? And that is true. But one thing that I can also tell you from my six years here in the Legislature is that the revenue projections for the state of Nebraska are exceedingly fickle. If we look at what the revenue projections were from two years ago, from three years ago, from one year ago, when you factor in the tax increases that the Legislature passed the last three sessions, those revenue projections I don't believe are to be relied upon because, in essence, what the Forecasting Board is trying to do, whether they be conservative or exceedingly liberal with their revenue projections, they're just trying to tell what the future holds. And you know and I know none of us knows what the future holds, but we do know what the present holds. And what the present does hold is an appropriation package that is before us right now that we can pass. And we