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supporting our universities across the state in doing very vital research that would help all of the people of this country; and when I finished and I sat down, I looked at the other legislators who were trying to crawl under the desk because they had taken their money and they had spent it on roads and bridges and capital construction and other stuff, and the money was gone. And they're sitting there describing to an audience how valuable this money...that's supposed to describe how valuable this money was to them. Well, but for the instant, it was; for instant gratification. But, you know, we've built something that we're hopeful is going to live on forever. The whole construction of what we're doing with our tobacco settlement money will reach out in 20-plus years and we're going to have billions of dollars that will still be dedicated to providing healthcare in an appropriate way in the state of Nebraska. Remember when we started LB 692, we were literally dead last in our public health structure in the state of Nebraska. We have to be in the top five or ten now. I haven't seen the latest statistics, but we have every one of our 93 counties that are part of a public health department. As we've looked at bioterrorism, as we've looked at other food-borne illnesses, we look at the value of public health alone, the amount of money, a little over \$8 million that we have invested is just incredible. And I want you all to be so proud of yourselves. You know, people would like to beat us up a lot for what we don't do and be very critical but, you know, the members of past bodies and the members of this body are sensitive to the healthcare needs of the people of this state. And I think you need a pat on the back. I think you need to be commended for that, and I hope that we'll not lose sight of that and we'll continue to move forward in a very positive way. We don't have to be ashamed in this state. We can be proud of our accomplishments and we can build on those accomplishments. We're a true example of using our resources appropriately, using them to truly serve the people of this state that need services, and we all know,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BYARS: ...we've constantly wrestled with huge geographical areas, 1,700,000 people, and we have taken to the max the way that we have used these dollars. So I want to