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We're hearing the same arguments over and over again. I don't know if I'll speak to this again. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Foley. Senator Johnson, followed by Senator Redfield.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Senator Chambers (sic), members of the Legislature, I don't think there's any question that this is a good and well-meaning program that Senator Foley is advocating. I don't think there's any question about that. But look around this Legislature. Who in this Legislature has a better record amongst us senators than our retiring Senator Thompson as far as the welfare of the young and the people that we're concerned about here today? Senator Howard has worked her whole life doing this, in the field on a day-to-day basis; Senator Kruse, same thing. They think that there are more important things that this Legislature should consider. Perhaps there are; perhaps there aren't. But it would seem to me that what Senator Jensen was alluding to we ought to consider, and that is, we like to think of ourselves as being fiscal conservatives. A week or so ago we had a big battle about funding \$200,000, not \$500,000, for rural economic development. It is stagnant. We don't know whether that's going to happen or not. Is it a good program? Probably is, but the sponsors of this are having a very difficult time advancing a program for rural economic development for \$200,000. But happy times are here again. Here's some free money; let's spend it. Let's not have it go through the legislative process. Let's not have it have to...its sponsors work hard to get this accomplished, like our people have been working hard for the rural economic development. Here's a good program, believe me. And I agree it is a good program, but compared to what? There are other programs out there. Next time that you have a chance, come around to hear the Health and Human Services Committee and find out about the great need in autism. There is a demonstrated need. We don't have the money to help these people. But here, where there isn't a demonstrated need, we're considering funding this to the tune of \$500,000. Next time you look in the mirror, see if you see a fiscal conservative. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Thanks for the