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Committee. We also happened to serve on the General Affairs Committee at the time and we had the discussion in the committee that she pointed out about the limitations on the funding based on the policy that was made in this Legislature in regards to lowering the rates to encourage people to lose their income to the lottery, but at the same time holding harmless those entities that were receiving money. So that was the deal that was made. That's in statute. That's why she's here before us It's because this is her only option. I guess maybe the only thing that Senator McDonald tried to do that was wrong was that she tried to be up-front and honest and ask for it out of the General Fund, because she believed it's going to be an ongoing expense to the state of Nebraska. I am amazed, to say the least, about what it is that we're doing, or what it is that we're not doing, and I'm grasping for the rationale on what it is, the reason that we cannot do this and we can do all the other things that people are asking to do. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Speaker Brashear, you're recognized to speak. Speaker Brashear, you're recognized. Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker...Mr. President, would you pass over me for one more speaker, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes, I will. Next speaker is Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator McDonald, would you yield?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator McDonald, would you yield?

SENATOR McDONALD: Yes, I would.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator McDonald. In this handout that you provided, you indicate services that were delivered in 2004 and projections for 2005 and they strike me as some pretty...trending upwards pretty significantly. What do you attribute to that for the most part?