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SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the I guess I am not totally understanding how the process goes. (Laughter) Realistically, maybe I shouldn't take quite so much time to talk because people can misunderstand the words that I am trying to get from my mouth. But in my opinion, when the process goes, when the budget process goes, I think there should be the obligations of the law laid out before anything else is addressed in a budget; you know, what is needed, what has been placed in law, what has been placed in statute, how Then, after those obligations are met, dollars many dollars? that are left over, then they can be put to other programs. But the way it seems to me, it's if there's a line-item that somebody says, well, you know, we didn't have the money last year for it and we made an agreement not to have...put money into it, but as it was stated, it says distributions under the program will resume in fiscal year 2005 and 2006. What does that mean? Doesn't mean a thing in the eyes of some. But when we have additional revenue coming in and we have a situation like this, that, you know, they're looking at it and they say, well, it's not in the Governor's budget, those are struck out, we're not going to do that part of it, but we're going to...we're going to make an increase that is not mandated, that is not in statute, for programs of a certain percent, immaterial of what is said, but it's taking into consideration how many dollars we have. I'm not saying that we should ... we should, you know, put the money all back in, but the issue that I'm trying to deal with is that, what are the biggest concerns of our constituents in the state of Nebraska? Property tax relief. That is probably the main issue when people go out and campaign -- what are you going to do about my property taxes; what are you going to do about them? They did do something for a couple years, but then, well, sorry, we can't do it anymore. So I don't know if some direction should be changed when the budget goes, how it's handled, if there should be any consideration to any bill or any appropriations prior to that year. Maybe not. I don't know. But I just think it's something that we need to think serious about. I'm not saying that we need to, you know, put it back in. But I've been on the county level. Whenever money doesn't come into the county, who do we go to get it from? The property owners. That is their only source of revenue. And this is a good property tax relief,