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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we spend a lot of hours, and each of you do, in hearings. You listen to what is presented to you on the various proposals. Now primarily we deal with issues that involve various agencies of the state, at which time they come in and make a presentation to our committee, tell us why they need a particular funding stream for a particular project. They have a full opportunity to present their information. I'm always disappointed when people who have a good case don't present it, but you can't make the case for them. Just like if you're a judge, you can't make a case for the people who are trying the case. And the materials that were being mentioned by Senator Schimek in her evaluation of progress by the Native Americans was dated February 28, 2006, and it's a letter that comes back to us, first thing being, why didn't we prioritize their request, which is an indication of what they did. If the justification for a program is that it has previously been funded by federal funds and is not now being funded, to me and to our committee, that was not adequate. We recognize that there is a problem in connection with the Native Americans. We understand they have it uphill in many ways. But we can't get there by admiring a problem. We get there by looking at solutions that are being proposed to us. And candidly, although we have great empathy for this problem in connection with the Native Americans, we have to go on the basis of what is presented to our committee, and we did that. Senator Jensen is going to hear dozens and dozens of matters if he was here next year. He won't be here next year. But whoever is chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services is going to find out that dozens and dozens of programs are being dropped by the United States government, programs they started, programs that they funded. And it's going to be our opportunity--or for those of you who are here--your opportunity to decide how many of those you could pick up, and I think that our committee somewhat arbitrarily made a determination that if the justification for funding a program is that the federal government did fund it, now they're not funding it anymore, and that you need to pick it up, is not a good justification. I think it's a matter that we have not had the opportunity to have the information that was presented to us in these later reports, and what Senator Schimek is talking about in her reports, the improvements, we didn't hear