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Senator Pederson pointed out that the revenue projections in the out years are lower than the actual revenues for the last two or three years, but that's the historic pattern of the matter. You have higher percentage of revenues in good As times turn bad, those percentages can go very low, and in fact in one year recently we had none at all. So you can surmise, if you're liberal in your interpretations of numbers, that in fact things will be rosy, and there's some chance that it might be. But, but what historically the Fiscal Office has been able to show us is that once times start turning bad, then usually your revenue projections turn out to be higher than the When times start turning bad, your revenue actual fact. projections, yeah, turn out to be higher than what happens in because things turn more quickly than the model anticipates. So depending on when the economy turns, you may or may not have the money there. And your problem can be worse than you thought, or your problem can be somewhat better. But why do you want to take the less conservative approach and surmise a scenario that is not what your model tells you and may get you in deep trouble? And by "deep trouble," again, what deep trouble means to me is having to cut dramatically institutions that you need as infrastructure, as continuing infrastructure in hard years, and/or raising taxes in those hard years. Both should be avoided. Stability should be the goal. Conservatism in anticipation of revenues should be the byword. Senator Redfield argues that we should save us from ourselves. Well, I don't know that that historically has been our pattern in Nebraska. I passed out to you a sheet which is the one that I always look at to determine, first and foremost, how we're doing with respect to taxation in Nebraska, and I hope you'll look at it because it, to me, it's the most meaningful chart. But it basically takes all of your major state and local taxes and it looks at them as a percentage of personal income. That is, over the years, personal income will increase, productivity increases, the economy increases. But the most important question to me is, is government taking up more of your resources...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ... as things change historically, or less of