

SENATOR VRTISKA: I understand that but I guess my real problem was it means then...it means then using that theory that we're going to have to make more cuts to balance out or we're not going to be able to make it. Is that correct?

SENATOR MOORE: All that...yes, you either have to cut it or raise...find a revenue base that grows with it, or cut other people. And I think there's some...some people are growing tired of cutting everybody else to pay for an ever increasing Medicaid budget.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Moore.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Time. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I agree with Senator Warner in many things that he says, but I just want to let you know, I want to tell you how many new employees we've had, and I think this is good information everyone ought to hear. In three years, we've increased 77 employees at the community college level. In three years, we've increased 46 employees at the state college level. The University of Nebraska, in three years, has increased 476. State employees, 1982 we had 14,211, and then I know there were some employees that came from the counties, that upped to 15,718 in 1983; 1991, we have 17,601 state employees. After the big increase in 1983, not counting that big increase, we've had an increase of 1,883 state employees. I know I voted for some of those in the last two years. But I think this tells us something. Has the population of the State of Nebraska gone up? I don't think so. Very small, if any. And I think part of it goes back to the process that we have. Each year we put in, what, eight hundred and some bills this year. You know, we add a few employees each year. Everything is a good cause. Then the next year we can't wait to shove in those six or seven hundred more bills. We never take time, we never take time to stop and look at what we're doing, folks. We never do it. We never...we never really get into an issue. Like Senator Hohenstein said the other day, Senator Hohenstein, I want you to listen. You said one thing we never do, we know what...we know what 95...we know what 5 percent of the budget is because they come...every agency comes to the Appropriations Committee because with the 5 percent cut, you find out what that 5 percent cut is, but do we really get in and take a good look at agencies? I know a lot of the