

budget, the proposal, they did less than this but the proposal was to issue 750 million in bonds. Well, we did the same thing in the special session, a little dab of funds for some capital construction to stretch out, reduce the General Fund impact by funding, spread it over a period of time. But in the case of Texas, once they did the 750,000 worth of capital construction through bonding, once that was completed, they were going to have less net revenue for both corrections and road construction because of debt service. So it came out as a 750 million reduction. Well, it wasn't anything of the kind. They made...another big issue down there was that they had eliminated or had gone to the private sector for certain janitorial service and they eliminated, as I recall, 173 jobs. We did that ten or twelve years ago. Wasn't something new. The Legislature, the Governor, appropriations process, we went to that kind of a process in certain areas. Another thing that Texas did when they had all that increase in revenue, they have 200 state agencies. They had created state agencies right and left. We still have, what, Scott, sixty...I don't remember, three, four or five, whatever, but there has been very little growth. Another thing that Texas did is that because they had all this money, they established state offices all over the state. Very good reason to do it, convenience for the people. It was very expensive. One of the things they talked about was they ought to cut those down. We have been very limited in those kind of expenditures. I would argue that the...

SENATOR LINDSAY: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...expansion of state government, while it's occurred and we should be concerned, but there have been a lot of things been done over the years by the Legislature to try to hold costs down and if we look at what happens in some other states, it's far different than what we've done here, that is they have had not near the care that I think we have used to control the cost of government. So it's important to continue to read it, but I think it's erroneous to give the assumption that there has been just random spending here and growth that was not directly related to a program or that it was not thought out or certainly would be untrue to suggest that the Appropriations Committee either now or in the past did not review a lot more of the budget than just 5 percent.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Crosby.