Nebraska state senators were recently asked the following three questions related to budget issues:

Budget projections show that the state could have a deficit of several hundred million dollars during the next biennium. To prepare, should more budget cuts be made now in addition to those implemented during the recent special session?

—Yes: 17 (Avery, Christensen, Coash, Conrad, Dierks, Fischer, Fulton, Gloor, Hadley, Hansen, Harms, Howard, Janssen, Louden, McCoy, Pahls, Rogert)

—No: 5 (Campbell, Cook, Heidemann, Nelson, Schilz)

—Unsure: 10 (Adams, Carlson, Flood, Haar, Karpisek, Lautenbaugh, McGill, Stuthman, Utter, Wightman)

—Didn't select answer: 2 (Pirsch, Sullivan)

—Not participating: 15 (Ashford, Council, Cornett, Dubas, Gay, Giese, Krist, Langemeier, Lathrop, Mello, Nordquist, Pankonin, Price, Wallman, White)

Is there any chance you would support tax increases if state revenue continues to fall below projections?

—Yes: 0

—No: 24 (Campbell, Carlson, Christensen, Coash, Conrad, Cook, Dierks, Fischer, Flood,

Fulton, Gloor, Hadley, Hansen, Harms, Heidemann, Janssen, Lautenbaugh, Louden, McCoy, Nelson, Pahls, Pirsch, Schilz, Utter)

—Unsure: 8 (Adams, Haar, Howard, Karpisek, McGill, Rogert, Stuthman, Wightman)

—Didn't select answer: 2 (Avery, Sullivan)

—Not participating: 15 (Ashford, Council, Cornett, Dubas, Gay, Giese, Krist, Langemeier, Lathrop, Mello, Nordquist, Pankonin, Price, Wallman, White)

Estimates show that Nebraska loses some $3 billion a year in state sales-tax exemptions. Should some of the sales-tax exemptions, such as for farm equipment, be rescinded?

—Yes: 7 (Adams, Coash, Gloor, Howard, McCoy, Nelson, Pahls)

—No: 11 (Avery, Campbell, Fischer, Flood, Hadley, Hansen, Heidemann, Lautenbaugh, Louden, Schilz, Stuthman)

—Unsure: 11 (Carlson, Conrad, Cook, Haar, Harms, Janssen, Karpisek, McGill, Rogert, Utter, Wightman)

—Didn't select answer: 5 (Christensen, Dierks, Fulton, Pirsch, Sullivan)

—Not participating: 15 (Ashford, Council, Cornett, Dubas, Gay, Giese, Krist, Langemeier, Lathrop, Mello, Nordquist, Pankonin, Price, Wallman, White)