

Number one, we've had a decline in the economy and I know Senator Warner told us that we were going to have this and we should have been planning for it but we as a body, as we typically don't, didn't pay attention to that, but now we're faced with it. We're having a decline in the economy and funds are not available. Secondly, I didn't realize that when we did this that there was going to be the public outcry over this money going into the Highway Trust Fund. One of the main problems that we had in selling 1059 was the fact that this went into the Highway Trust Fund. We were raising taxes purportedly to support education but part of that went into the Highway Trust Fund. I changed my mind on a number of things about 1059. Another example is the based on comments I heard from the public. People were saying to us, we'll how are we going to be assured that this money will always go into support for education? And I said, trust us. You know, we're not going to raise taxes on sales and income tax money for education, then divert the money other places. We're finding that there are people suggesting doing that, funding other things out of the 1059 money. I'm changing my mind on that issue and I tend to be somewhat supportive of an idea Senator Warner brought in that maybe we do need to segregate those funds. So we're changing our minds on some of these things and I don't think it's fair to charge that there was some sort of ruse that went on. At least, as one of the main sponsors of 1059, I wasn't part of that. A lottery bill? Yeah, we have a lottery bill out there. The problem with that is, at least the way the Governor's...I understand the Governor's proposal is he is proposing constitutional amendment, a vote by the people in 1992, an enactment of enabling legislation in 1993 and then maybe in 1994 there will be some money available for these things. Senator Rasmussen, you are 100 percent right. There is nothing new or different or unique about this particular bill and the things you're talking about spending money on. They are things we know will work and we just haven't had either the money or the will in Nebraska to do them. Senator Moore talked about a need for a comprehensive plan. We've had too many comprehensive plans in this area. One of the failures of education reform movement is all of these ideas have come from blue ribbon commissions, people sitting in State Capitols telling teachers and telling administrators how to improve education. What this bill does and the dynamite idea in this bill is, it's bottoms up. It's a Nebraska approach. It's a local control approach. We're going to tell those people out in the buildings that are on the front lines educating kids and know what the problems are...