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more people and a third less government. This is an example where we have people of good conscience and trying to work towards the same end. I do think that ultimately we need to incorporate work force investment with what's trying to be done here as well as having some sound linkages with welfare to work as well. So I agree with the concept. I agree with the study. I did want to make some record in reference to work force investment, and I think it would be best if, whatever is done in this area, we look towards that as a real possibility and consideration. And I appreciate this issue being brought before us. It's a shame that we didn't get to have the quality debate that we needed on work force investment on LB 1257, because I think that was a bill that needed to be debated and explored. But, you know, it's a short session. Maybe next year. Thanks a lot.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Suttle, on the Stuhr amendment.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I think that Senator Redfield, Senator Hilgert make perfect sense. I know that in Omaha since the partnerships with businesses have begun the kinds of mistakes that Senator Redfield referred to in teaching kids on Apple and them graduating and facing an IBM, many of those mistakes have been corrected over the years lately. What we want to do is what is best for the most children who look to the schools for information and for guidance and for training. There are also many programs out there that we learned about when we listened to Senator Quandahl's bill that told us that there are apprenticeships out there and that you can go to school and be an apprentice at the same time, the Omaha Playhouse being a prime example of that. So this is occurring. What we as a state have to do is pony up some money and either in the form of subsidies or tax credits or tax cuts of some kind. The Grinch went berserk when he thought we were going to amend school-to-work and mandate that that program continue and not give it enough money and that there would be deficit spending and so on and so forth and got him calmed down. I don't know that we're going to put anything on General File. We may wait till Select File. But I think this is an important program, and I'm always advocating for students and for children. And we