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thinking...this is clearly thinking outside the box. We had the testimony, we had the hearing, and in that hearing we had testimony, a number of people in support, no opponents. But what compelled me regarding the testimony were two testifiers in particular and, frankly, these are the last types of people that you would expect to see in the Education Committee. The first individual that particularly impressed me was the chief of police here in Lincoln, Tom Casady. And he didn't come in and testify that this would help Lincoln or help any particular city. He came in and testified, offering his personal experience as a police officer for a number of years. He told a story of a young man he had arrested recently that was a third or fourth generation criminal. Nobody in his family had gone to school. They didn't get this type of education, this early childhood education, and Chief Casady felt, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that had somewhere along this line, somewhere along this continuum of lawbreakers, if somebody had had this type of program, he, this young man, would have turned out differently. And what I mean is, he arrested, Chief Casady, arrested his grandfather, his father, and now this young man, and he indicated, beyond a shadow of a doubt, if this young man had had this type of education, this early childhood education, it would have been a different outcome. He would not have been a part of the criminal justice system. To me, that's compelling. That's a real-life story from someone who's been in the police business, law enforcement, for 34 years. I was compelled by that. The next individual that I was compelled by was Judge Gendler from the Sarpy County Juvenile Court. Judge Gendler I see all the time in the Judiciary Committee, I've never seen him in the Education Committee, and he told stories of kid after kid, juvenile after juvenile, young person after young person that appeared in his court, and he was convinced beyond a shadow of a doubt if these young individuals had had this early childhood care that they wouldn't be in this court system. And I asked him in the hearing, I said, Judge, I've watched your career, I've watched what you do, I see how you care about kids, I see how you come down and testify, you participate in group after group, trying to improve the lives of these kids. I said, is there any doubt in your mind that this is the direction that we need to go? And he said, instantly, he said, no, and that was pretty much the end of his testimony. So when you have