

that effort. But I have concerns. I don't know what more we can do about it. You have expressed in the committee report some concerns and I guess that's the way it is. One of the things I would raise though in that \$10 million...another thing that we need to think about, I know it's elsewhere in this proposal, I thought originally we were going to go more toward public building weatherization across the state. There is some money in here for public building weatherization. There's \$150,000 for the State Building Energy Team. There's that 1.5 million for the loan for local government weatherization...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...and there's 400,000 for Local Government Energy Manager Circuit Rider and then there are some university and state college money in here. But, really, one of the things I think we're going to do more of that we should probably do more of is getting out to our public buildings and weatherizing them. We're doing it with our schools. I think we're doing pretty well with our schools and have done that pretty well. There are counties and cities and other public buildings, state buildings across the State of Nebraska that need energy assistance and I had hoped that we would see more out of this proposal in that direction because there...all the taxpayers benefit from that effort. Those are just some initial concerns and I do welcome a chance to discuss this although, again, I'm not sure if it makes any difference.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members, again I, as Senator Wesely has indicated, appreciate the work the of the Appropriations Committee in this area because although we do not really have any jurisdiction about what is being done here, it's kind of nice to at least have a report that we can look at and recognizing, of course, that we have absolutely no input whatsoever. My concern is much along the lines that have already been expressed here, that is that the funds came from all of the people of the State of Nebraska. The overcharge funds came from all of the people, therefore, it would seem to me that it would be in the interest of the Governor and the Legislature to try as much as possible to return those funds since they were overcharge funds to as broad a general portion of the population as possible and to that extent then I would hope that those funds could have been used to greater extent to