

benefit the public by utilization in public buildings and public institutions. Any time that we become specific, no matter how well intentioned those fund uses are, we find ourselves in a situation where the redistribution, in my opinion, is less than equitable. I was just called out by Reba White Shirt, the Director of the Indian Commission, who explained to me that the \$50,000 allocated to the native American people in Nebraska does not take into account all of the native Americans that live in the state but only about one-third of them and that she felt very strongly that that allocation was not satisfactory, it should have been three times that much. I'm sure that there are other instances where we could find inequities that are similar to that. My principal concern is this, that this is more than \$20 million, it is distributed in a manner which we have no control over. I think the Governor has tried hard to make it equitable but I am concerned by the fact that it was unjustly taken from the people in the first place, now it is probably not being distributed back as equitably as it could be. I would hope that in the future that...and there will be similar instances in the future because we know of other cases already that are on record that the funds would be used as much as possible to weatherize and winterize and improve public buildings in which all of the public can benefit. If money goes to a certain school district, then that school district benefits and the other nine hundred and some districts do not benefit. It's pretty difficult to handle it that way. Many of the other programs, well intended, probably have limited value. Senator Wesely mentioned the amount allocated to the farmers and ranchers for their loan programs. I don't think that's going to be very significant, really, and, as far as equity is concerned, I'm not going to argue about it but I think we all know where the equity percentage is in that situation. Again, as has been pointed out here, we have no control over it. It's an amazing situation that we can stand up here and argue and fight and I don't see Senator Arlene Nelson on the floor this morning, but we can argue over a few thousand bucks here or a million bucks there and spend a lot of time on it, but here are twenty some million dollars which were unjustly removed from the pockets of Nebraskans and now they're trying to send them back and this Legislature, which is most responsible to the people because we are that entity which is most directly related to the individuals, has absolutely no input as to how the money ought to be distributed and I guess, for that reason, I'm strongly inclined to vote against the report.