

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett, please, followed by Senator Barrett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I think that Senator Coordsen I think gave a good background of how this idea started, but I think one thing I want to do is that I think I want to recognize the fine leadership that our Speaker has provided because I think the New Horizons is basically his idea and I think he is the power or the force behind it. I think the work that Rod Armstrong did in putting together the booklet on property tax, kind of the history and so forth, for me it was a very learning experience to read through that, so I think I want to recognize the ETV people, Hubert Brown and the other people that worked on that project. I think they simply did an excellent job, but I think we also need to recognize the leadership of Speaker Barrett in this, this whole New Horizons project because I think it's putting us as a Legislature on the cutting edge, I guess, moving forward with some new innovative ideas rather than copying things from other states. I think in this area we're in the leadership and it is because of Speaker Barrett. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Barrett, please, followed by Senator Hall.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you Mr. President and members, I was not aware of this. I had not read this resolution until it was offered by Senator Coordsen and I guess I would have to say, Senator Coordsen, that I am in total sympathy with it. Actually, actually, ladies and gentlemen, I think we are on the...right on the edge of the use of this kind of technology which may very well change the way the Legislature responds, acts and reacts. This is one of the most exciting uses of interactive video that I can think of. I think the Educational Television Network people did an outstanding job of arranging and preparing this program. The use of the graphics and the background material was exceptional. Our Legislative Research Division also did some exciting and exceptional work, most of it done under great pressures with reference to time. A lot of good people were involved in it. We have had, as Senator Scofield said, some exciting feedback from the west end of the state. This was one of the most positive things that has come out of that particular program. The west end of the state was reconnected through the use of this kind of technology. With