

appreciate the senator's generosity with his time. If you vote against suspending the rules to discuss this motion, then I'm not going to know, and Senator Bernard-Stevens is not going to know, and we, as a body, are not going to know what we feel about this issue, which is a very critical one. If you vote to suspend the rules and allow the discussion on it, no matter how you vote on the amendment, the issue will have come before the public and we will have learned something about how we feel about this issue. So I would encourage you very much to suspend the rules. You know the schools are attempting, some of the schools in Nebraska are attempting to address this issue. I talked, before, about how many of the schools have more or less cast out parenting and pregnant teenagers. But I know right here in the Lincoln Public Schools, for instance, they have started and put together a very good program. It's not in effect yet, but they're getting it into effect, but their critical problem, their critical problem with the program has been funding. They've had tremendous community support, and they have had lots of input from citizens. The program does other things besides just day care. It helps to prevent child abuse. It gives these teenage parents some good parenting skills. It gives these teenage parents and their children a medical component; mothers to be are expected to make regular visits to the doctor, both before and after birth. And, thirdly, it gets the young...it's supposed to get the young parents independent in supporting themselves as another goal of the project. Now this is just one program, it's here in Lincoln, it will affect only those teenage student parents who are troubled...in troubled programs, who are at-risk students to begin with. It will not affect every one of them. It will not affect all teenage pregnancies. The Omaha Public School system is working on a similar kind of program. So I know there are schools that are beginning to give a lot of thought and a lot of thought about the ultimate cost of this program. I guess what I am hoping today that you will do is give serious consideration to this issue. I bet you my time is up, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Oddly enough, I lied to you a little bit. I told you a minute, you really had six minutes. So, if you wish to continue, go ahead.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I really don't need too much more time, but I'll take another minute of it, Mr. President. I would like to mention to you an article that I read today about a student here