

SENATOR LINDSAY: How about 29th and Leavenworth? There is some office space there that would be an appropriate place, I think, for one of these satellites.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yeah, and some of these amendments, or questions, I think some people may be using campaign funds to subsidize that and if we want to use something like this, I think that would be a question for the body to decide, and if it decided in the affirmative, I certainly would not disagree with that.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, please, followed by Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, Mr. President and members of the body, just to put you on notice, things are going so well here, I think I'm going to file 1059 as an amendment to this bill here too and we'll go ahead and get that done today and quit worrying about whether we're delaying or not delaying or rushing to judgment and get that over with. I'd like to talk seriously about Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment though because you've had a little bit of fun here, which is fine. I think what he is proposing is very consistent with the direction this Legislature set a couple of years ago when we established the Education Technology Center in the Department of Education. And if you remember, the rationale for establishing that department was that in realization of the demographics of our state, in realization of the need to get education to people in this state regardless of where they live, that we're going to have to utilize education technology in order to accomplish that. In...spent a trip last year going out through Arthur County and through Hyannis, Nebraska, and other parts of...Tryon, Nebraska and other parts of our state where, if I realized it intellectually before, I now realize it on a personal experiential level that there are parts of this state where people are going to be living, there are going to be kids in those areas that are going to have to get education. We established the education technology center in part to deal with that problem. What I think Senator Bernard-Stevens is saying is, if we're going to establish that methodology of relying on technology to get educational experiences to kids in our state regardless of where they live, that these centers are going to