

have to be accessible to those teachers and they aren't accessible when they're on the sixth floor of the State Office Building here in Lincoln, Nebraska. A teacher who is attempting to utilize some of this information, needing some technological assistance or access to some materials, isn't going to be able to come down here to Lincoln to access that information. So I think it's going to be difficult for them to get from those areas into North Platte and into Scottsbluff because that's a fairly long distance also. So I think what he is doing is he is expanding this concept of the Education Technology Center in a realistic fashion by making it available to those who are living in scarcely populated areas of our state. And I'd close by saying, please support this bill and also by pointing out to Senator Scofield that I went through this explanation of this particular portion of the state without using any of the pejorative words that she doesn't like, so I hope she appreciates that also.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Kristensen, you're next, but may I introduce some guests, please, of Senator Moore and Senator Coordsen. We have 22 students who are the senior American Government class in Exeter, Nebraska, with their instructor. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Kristensen, followed by Senator Scofield.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members, Senator Bernard-Stevens, could I ask you some serious questions?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, Doug.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: As opposed to the usual questions. These Educational Technology Satellite Centers are going to be in terms of what their hardware would be, in terms of what a facility would be. What would you envision those to look like in terms of the amount of equipment and so on that would be there?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Actually, Senator, that is a very good question and I encourage anyone to go up to the Education Technology Center that we have here in Lincoln and take a look at what they are being able to offer faculty. What I would envision things doing is, there is so much available technologywise, the two-way computers that we have, we have the video disks now, that you have the video and the computer at the