

same time where students are going to be able to learn at different rates and the problem that we have on the new technology with the different kind of computer systems out there is that, number one, some of the technology is not readily available and, number two, if it is available, there is no one trained to use it and so what, and I don't want to take much more of your time, but what I would envision the centers to be is very similar to what we have in Lincoln and that is a place to review the software, a place to train the faculty on how best to use it for their children in the rural schools or in a large school, for that matter, and a place where they can get hands on experience so they can actually put what they have learned into the classroom.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, so I guess what I am looking at would be, this is designed for teachers to make them aware of the type of new technology that may be coming around, the new instruments of education that we may be using in the future. Would that be accurate?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That would be accurate.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, wouldn't it make some sense then...well, let me ask you one other question. Is fiber optics an absolute necessity for the satellite centers?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, actually you can go fiber optics in that area which I think in the long run is what is going to be happening throughout all states as it begins to get into rural areas, but you can also use satellite feats.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay. Wouldn't it make some sense, I think that it would, to put those centers then in existing areas where we already deal with faculty and instruction of teachers and those would be our existing state colleges, for example, Chadron and Kearney, since those are still...and I can't say that part of the state other than upstream, Senator Scofield, but those of us in that area, wouldn't it make a lot more sense to put these technology satellite centers in existing places where we already have educational training of teachers and faculty and not create a whole new series and systems and just have a room or a building out in North Platte or at Scottsbluff because they have other good facilities in Scottsbluff and North Platte, but we have established educational centers for teachers and instruction of teachers, that being at Chadron and Kearney.