

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yeah, Doug, that's a very perceptive viewpoint and in some cases on that I would have a tendency to agree with you. In this particular case though, I will differ a tad bit simply because this is not going to require a new, for example, building or a new facility or a new concept. For example, in Scottsbluff and in North Platte the facilities are already there that can, in fact, do the same thing as Chadron or, for example, or Kearney, and what we find out is in our particular region and in the region of western Nebraska where Scottsbluff is, that Kearney, for example, as I know you're well aware, is well aware of the fact that they need to bring their training and their education out to those areas because it is so difficult sometimes for them always to go into Kearney. So the outreach program at Kearney which has been so successful and so valuable in the state would...that same concept is as true here as well, we need to be able to service those areas and regions because they simply cannot get to those other areas. And if we get into a fight as far as where they are going to be, it would be, if they are similar to DEDs fight we had last year, if you remember, you know, we agreed with the concept, we were going to have a fight on possession type of thing.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Senator Chambers, do you know what this bill and this discussion has reminded me? You don't have to answer the question, but if you'd like to join in, you may. And it brings to mind something that you've helped me with a little bit, but never is it clearer today, O' Christmas tree, O' Christmas tree, how beautiful your branches. Thank you. I can't sing it yet, Senator, but the words are fitting.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, I have a couple of questions that I would like to address to Senator Bernard-Stevens. This is the kind of concept that I have been favorable toward and have worked with Senator Withem in particular on, but a couple of things that I think we need to clarify relate, one, to Senator Kristensen's questions about how do we make this work with existing activities going on with teachers' colleges and, two, how do we make it work...I see you have in-service activities identified in here which in some cases a lot of them are being done by ESUs, how does this all