

don't think there is a conflict there. In fact, I think when it's all done, said and done, it will be a complement to whatever we come up with in those other areas.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, go ahead.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Do I have time left, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: Yes, you have about a minute and a half.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you. I appreciate that response, Senator Bernard-Stevens. I know we're all headed in the same direction here on this and it's...maybe we should also explore the possibility of putting the central activity further out across the state. Obviously, I don't object to the two locations you've identified, but I also realize that probably, given the size of the state, there are other sites eventually we're going to want to do and it's a technology thrust...if I understand what you're saying, this is going to be essentially an educational technology center on a smaller scale out in Scottsbluff and North Platte, similar to what we've done in Lincoln, and I wonder if that doesn't add additional administrative arms and maybe we can do it in a more efficient fashion. I just haven't had time to think about this. I'm very intrigued with your idea, but I also can see some real need to coordinate this and plan it through. You may have the rest of my time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Sandy. And, I, too, had concerns on that when we drafted the legislation and one of the things in working with the State Department of Education and with the educational technology is we've tried to make it very, very clear that that is simply not a duplication because I, too, say, well, we don't want to spend money for one area and then just duplicate the spending in another area, it doesn't make a lot of sense to do that. But what does happen because there is no funding available particularly, even for the Lincoln center because most of those funds were vetoed out, what does happen is that each of those areas in our regions out there will be able to go to grants, businesses and foundations in order to get the funding they need to specialize some of the educational training that fits in our area and...

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens...