

with the highway money, but two is that the bill itself...you read this bill and, boy, it's just about...has as much a marquee value as any bill we're going to touch on in here. We're talking about excellence in education, we're talking about how we can be...provide more opportunities in education; we're talking about how you provide more accountability in education. Now how can you logically say no to any of those things? And any one of them by themselves you probably can, but I guess the question you need to ask yourself as you look at this bill, is this the way to do it? There are other opportunities that we have and I guess my idea is, I know Senator Withem and others have talked about a more long-range and comprehensive approach trying to deal with educational opportunity and educational quality. Now 699 is one fragment of that and 699, I think, you know, though it's a lot of good things, I don't know what exactly it does. I read this bill, it's all grant, it's all unknown so I don't know what exactly it gets this. You know, it spends a good deal of money, probably spends a good deal of money on some good things, but I don't know if I'm willing to make the giant step on the trust fund or raising taxes at all to do with all this bill. You look at NID, how does the whole concept of NEBSAT and long distance learning and the pods of interconnecting schools, how does that fit in with this as far as quality of education out to all of Nebraska? You know, and how old, you read on page...well, look at Section 5 with this excellence in education council shall have these duties, bing, bing, bing, bing, all great things, but how exactly will the money be spent? I don't know. And so I think this is part of the puzzle. I think this Legislature certainly, not only in my opinion, but last year when we dealt with 1059 we did step one of dealing with educational taxes and opportunity. And step one was trying to at least address our tax problems. Because I don't think you can get their...before we did 1059 you couldn't get to discussing educational opportunity in this state. I think now that we've passed that, Senator Rasmussen is absolutely right, we need to discuss it now. I don't think LB 699 is the proper motion by itself to do that. There are a lot more things we need to look at there. I encourage Senator Withem, Senator Rasmussen and the Education Committee to look at this comprehensively, develop a plan and move forward for spending our dollars in the right fashion. So that's what...I don't like the bill as it is and I'm not sure but if Senator Rasmussen can answer a question. On page 13 of the bill, that subsection (6) there, is that an exemption from a lid? Is that what that money is doing?