teachers who teach at the school, from the administrators who administer the school, from the neighbors who border the school, and any number of other interested parties about the potential closure of the school. There's been a great concern about whether this decision is one that is wise and worthwhile, or whether there will be problems resulting from it. We've had meetings out in the area and on the school campus to discuss the situation. My basic feeling is that the children who attend the school, the young adults who attend the school feel very strongly about the school being good, that it's been valuable to them, that they've succeeded where they previously failed in the school system and feel that there has been great advantages to the state by having this program available to these hard to teach youth who, with the right type of atmosphere and environment, can succeed. So I am impressed with Whitehall School and feel that it has done a great deal of good. But, obviously, in the budget-cutting times that we're in, the difficult decisions we have to make are never easy. And so I've struggled with how to deal with the particular question what we do with Whitehall. So what I have done is proposed that before this school be closed a number of conditions would need to be met, and the Legislature advised as such. First off, that the school will, in fact, save money for the State of Nebraska. There is little doubt, from the information provided, that the Department of Social Services will save a significant amount of money, through the department budget, by closing the school. But those children will then have to be taught elsewhere, and most of them are from Lincoln and would be taught in the Lincoln schools. There would be some state aid provided, perhaps other state assistance would be in order, and some analysis can be and should be done on the actual cost-savings to the state, and this amendment would require that that be forwarded to the Legislature. Second, the question has been, will the local schools actually be able to meet the needs of these children that are hard to teach and have had difficulty in the school system, and that is one reason they're at Whitehall School? Will the local school districts, and that's not just Lincoln but others as well, will they be able to meet the needs of these children that are now attending school at Whitehall? Obviously, I'd be concerned about whether, in the future, these school districts would likewise be able to meet the needs of children who would otherwise go to Whitehall, if the school closes. But it's hard, obviously, to anticipate what those needs would be, so we can only deal with the present and the current students there at the school. We also require that the Family Resource