

make that long distance telephone call, there would be phone line charges to that school district. Assuming they already have the...I don't know this, but most school districts in the state would have the equipment to do it. There would be the cost of the phone line charges.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Another, one more question of Senator Moore, historically, have the cities ever come to the state before for this kind of an assistance in their libraries?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, probably Senator Warner could give you a better history lesson than I can, but, at least, they have come for the last couple of years, they have been coming and asking for assistance to do this program. Obviously, we have the State Library Commission. There is state aid to libraries and it is part of that Library Commission budget, and so, I mean, it is not like the state does not already assist libraries across the state.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Does the fiscal staff or anyone else in the system, and maybe someone else might be able to answer this, does anyone have any idea as to where the cost of the program will grow or go to after fiscal year '94-95?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Senator Schmit, I asked that question in the hearing, that is my concern, too. Basically, what this money is buying is the actual automation, they are going to be on line. The ongoing operating costs are not part of this. That question was asked and answered. It was very clear the local governments pay 50 percent of doing it. From that point on, local governments will pick up the entire cost of operating these new automated libraries.

SENATOR SCHMIT: How were the 13 communities selected, Senator? Were they the ones that indicated an interest, and I guess I am just curious as to why the other first class cities were not involved?

SENATOR MOORE: These are libraries that belong to what is called, I believe, the Resources Library Group. There is an informal process out in the state right now where you have little libraries that feed into the bigger libraries. These 13 are informally part of what is called the Resource Library Group that are arguably the bigger libraries in the State of Nebraska.