

wanting to kill this project. Remember, I did the youth leadership and when everybody...I did not support the funding last year because it was a large amount of money. I did take a Sunday afternoon last summer to go down and educate myself on the libraries and the automation project, and I also had the pleasure of serving on that committee. And I will tell you these folks are very, very professional. These folks tried very hard to contain the cost the best they could. I am not going to reiterate everything that has been said, but the access then that is available just almost blows your mind, if these libraries were automated. And I do think that Senator Moore did a very good job of explaining that this is a project that is not ongoing and it will be...the good that it does is just tremendous, and sometimes we do have to move ahead and support what is worthwhile. Omaha and Lincoln, I think everyone knows they are now automated so they are not included, and what can be tied in there with that, this is one of...maybe one of two projects I feel very comfortable in supporting. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam President and members of the body, I will be very brief, I just wanted to say to Senator Schmit, if he is listening, he asked, one of the questions was, what is this group? And this is a group, it's an outgrowth of an attempt to get the Public Resource Libraries funding, and there are 14 libraries. They are Beatrice, Bellevue, Columbus, Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Holdrege, Kearney, McCook, Norfolk, North Platte, Scottsbluff, Sidney, York, Omaha, and Lincoln. And Omaha and Lincoln have already become automated. And those of us who live in outer Nebraska, greater Nebraska, whatever you want to call it, would like to be automated also. And as far as the matching funds that Peter Kiewit requires, many of these libraries already have this money in place. All they are waiting for is the Kiewit funds. Some of them do not, but many of them have their funding in place already, and Senator Morrissey would like some of my time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Robak. Madam Speaker and colleagues, Senator Lamb, I am sure Senator Lamb, if he has, he is sitting back and heard this, he is probably changing his mind as we speak because this is...this is definitely something, it