

is one of those things, you spend some money now, you can save money in the future, and that is hard for us always to do, because if you spend the money today, a lot of times in our society, we want to see the results tomorrow. Well, we are not going to be able to do that on this. The long term results, the long term potential for saving money will benefit all of Nebraska, but especially those isolated areas that might not be able to support and continue supporting a library in the future. As I see Senator Lamb sitting on a rocking chair on the ranch watching the calves being branded and all his grandchildren running around doing all the various activities, he will probably wish he could be out there helping them again but will be so feeble with age that he might not be able to do that, so he will probably just want to spin over to the computer, call up the library on his modem, and dump some Louie L'Amour cowboy novels onto his printers, so he can relive his glory days of his youth. But, quite frankly, that is what we are looking at. Potential loss of libraries in the future and continued access through computerization. It is not available now. We are working on it. You can't call up the library in Peru and dump all the access onto your computer right now, but we will be able to do it in the future, and with CD technology advancing as it is, it's...the ability to access huge volumes of information will just be a phone call away. If you don't have a library within hundreds of miles, it doesn't matter. You will be able to access a library and get photos, pictures, and all the information you want. And with that, I'd urge Senator Lamb to reconsider his position, and if I have any time left, I'd like to give it to Senator Johnson.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Johnson, there is two minutes.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to Senator Lamb's amendment. I think the question has been raised here in one instance as to the applicability of this information and this system to other school systems in the community. I would only want to share with you, for the record, two notes of special interest that I received from private schools, the North Platte Catholic Schools in North Platte, and from the Bergan School System in Fremont. The Fremont Superintendent, Gary Schmidt, in his note to me said automation of city libraries would be of great benefit to the students in school systems of the communities of our areas.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.