

for us to maybe have that at home, but it is definitely something that children can benefit from in school. It opens up an entire new world, an international world of very accessible information on a daily basis, and I think it is wonderful that we use this money to offer that world to every school child in the State of Nebraska. I'd be much more comfortable with that approach. If you are not willing to take my approach, which my bill was killed in the committee, if you are not willing to take my approach to distributing the lottery funds, what I consider equitable, equitably, at least Senator Robinson's bill makes an attempt to offer more of an opportunity-to-learn standard that I agree with. I agree with using state monies for opportunity-to-learn standard, setting up criteria that all children should have at least a fundamental, basic opportunity to learn anywhere that they live in the State of Nebraska, and then start from there as to the distribution of our 1059 funds. That is, initially, what I would like to see. That isn't what I see happening with those funds, but at least if we take the lottery money, we can start to that approach, to giving that opportunity-to-learn standard, at least the...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...first criteria here would be to give every student in the State of Nebraska an opportunity to access the Internet, which will be, you talk about job training, this is something that would be tremendous job training for individuals, whether they go into journalism, whether they go into computers, eventually, into any type of a field of communications, any field, international finance, anything. This will give them a great foundation for that and it takes away some of the discretions, certainly, that we've given, but I think we've given too much discretion on this fund and I don't think this is what people intended when they voted to give the money into education. And maybe we could even provide a little property tax relief with this, it is something that they wouldn't have to...that they want, that they definitely want, and that they would have money to do so without asking for additional property tax money. So I am very much in favor of 860.

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Witek. Before we move to the