

Education Innovation Fund is starting, and not in every case, granted, but in many cases starting new programs or programs that they can't get funding through, through their own school board so they kind of go over their head, and they go and they get the funding for these programs. But what it is, is additional education spending, additional educational spending above and beyond what we are spending already. I know everyone here has...hearing from constituents about property taxes. And most of the property tax money goes to funding education. So we have got to, and that will be on later bills, have that discussion of property taxes in the State of Nebraska and the increase in spending in education. I support public school education, I have two of my children in the public schools in Nebraska. I have given hundreds of hours of my time to the public schools in Nebraska, so it isn't necessarily an antipublic school sentiment that brings me to wanting to take the lottery money and put it into the 1059 money. To me it's more of an economic, sensible, common sense kind of move, and that's why I brought in this bill. My bill was killed in committee. What did come out of committee was Senator Robinson's bill that was essentially to take the lottery money and put it into the Internet. Now that isn't exactly what I wanted, but at least it was taking it and putting it into the Internet and not starting up expensive new programs with seed money for expensive programs that we have to take more property tax money to continue the funding for. So I thought, well that makes sense to me, that was a good...good balance in Senator Robinson's original bill. I know Senator Withem is opposed to it, I know the teachers union is opposed to it, they want all the funding they can get and they don't want to cut it out of the lottery fund, because that is more money into those programs. And I understand the wants of individuals, but you also have to understand the balance that we have to find with the property tax and the taxation problem in particular. And it always amazes me how when liberals stand up and say, well this is the conservative...the fiscal conservative thing to do is to take this government money, and we're taking it from one program and putting it into another. Well the actual true conservative thinks to themselves, as I do, hey, this is ready to sunset, let's let it sunset and keep that money in the private sector. So that's what I think when I see something ready to sunset, it's like, good, let's...we've done what we said we were going to do with it, let's...let's let it sunset and return to the private sector instead of keeping it...we are...it already did what it was said to do. So to me that...that's what I think of