

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...giving out education telecommunications equipment doesn't make any sense at all, and that...this...this amendment ought to be defeated.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Warner. Senator Warner. We'll continue, Senator Robinson, you are the next speaker.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, I stand to...for the defeat of the Wickersham amendment. I think Senator Withem spoke very eloquently why we should be against it. It's interesting, you know, we give 0 percent loans, who wouldn't file for a 0 percent loan. And I'm sure all of you know this, all schools have a building levy which they can use to repair their...use for weatherization. And I think the whole thing gets down to this, if you look at the bill that came before the Natural Resources Committee, two people from the weatherization board...that work for the weatherization fund were there, I think someone from the Omaha School Board and there's another individual, they were looking for something to do because there were no grants for funds anymore, it's dwindled down to seven. And when we move this to the Department of Education we're going to have an efficiency of savings. And I really support Senator Beutler when he's talking about efficiency when it comes to judges, but I think it's the same thing here, we should look at the efficiencies that will arise. But above that we're going to help the young people of Nebraska. I'd like to give the rest of my time to Senator Warner. Senator Warner, you were up, I don't know if you would like to speak now or not.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Warner.

SENATOR ROBINSON: There was a...as far as the...go ahead, Senator Warner.

SENATOR CROSBY: You have about...a little over three minutes.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, sorry I wasn't here. I'll speak quickly then. I'm in support of retaining the Robinson amendment as is. What I was going to talk about Performance Review and Audit, not what it's called anymore, Performance Review Committee is in the process, and Senator Robinson made reference to that, of reviewing the session program. In fact we voted to continue,