

one point in time, and what they've been trying to do is expand out into other energy related fields so that we continue to have this source of funds working for us for energy efficiency improvements, there's nothing wrong...nothing wrong with that at all, in fact it seems to me an excellent idea. So the funds are being used and are being used profitably. Now it may be that all \$14 million isn't needed at this point in time. And I ended...I indicated earlier to the proponents of the bill my willingness to compromise and take some of the money and put it over there, but one of the things I do not want to do is let education eat up other sources of funding in government so that we do not have money to address things like energy needs when those things come about. We will have continuing needs for energy money,...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...sometimes it's lighting, sometimes it's redoing windows, there are a whole number, an array of energy-saving kinds of things that we should be doing in this day and age. And I don't want to see those funds, puff, disappear all at once in a one-time shot for technologies in our schools. I, too, am an advocate of increased technologies in our schools. No doubt about it, we do want to move quickly to do that. But I don't think that it makes sense to take the funds...the entire funding for our energy program and give it over to a one-time shot to aid the schools in their telecomputing.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Just to advise the body that we are attempting to, number one, to advise the body we're attempting to ascertain whether or not loans or grants or either one would be accountable receipts under the state aid system. And I think we've reached a breakthrough in here that none of us are sure, so we've at least reached that level of understanding. Second point I guess I would...coup...two other points I want to make, one of them is on the process. Senator Beutler has mentioned this a couple of times as if we are somehow subverting the process. And maybe I would suggest to him that LB 582, although