

funds are taken away for a higher priority. If the Department of Energy says, you know, there are a lot of things that we think we'd like to also get into of other alternative energy sources, I think that's one where they go to the Appropriations Committee and they become straightforward, and they don't use monies that were put for weatherization for schools to fund their little...the programs that they, all of a sudden, think are good ideas for energy, they come straightforward to the Legislature, go to the Appropriations Committee and say, here's what we'd like to do, here's the alternative energy sources we'd like to begin to do research on, here's some energy-saving things we'd like to really concentrate on in Nebraska because we think it will make Nebraskans and our government efficient, and here are the number of dollars that we'd like, and here's where it's going to go. And we would actually fund specific dollars then for those programs if, in fact, we deem them to be of higher priority than some of the other ones. But right now the fund is not being used a great deal, it has served its purpose. It is going to sunset, and it's time for the Legislature to use its prerogative and put the dollars where it needs to go. I don't think we should be in for job preservation. I don't think we need to support agencies habits of trying to find different ways to use dollars that the original intent for the dollars is not the same. I don't think that's something that we should do. That is not anything against the agency, that's just the way that things work and I understand that. But we have our positions that we then need to take. I also wanted to comment I'm glad Senator Bohlke mentioned that, because I'm pretty confident at this point that it does not count whether it's a loan or grant, would not count as an accountable receipt. So I think kind of some of the other discussions was kind of moot, because I don't think it actually accomplished what Senator Wickersham...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...wanted to to. With that, I hope that the body does vote down the Wickersham amendment and support the Robinson amendment as it still is in its present form. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President, members, there has been a