

says, and the number of buildings in which...in each district or affiliated school system designated by the State Board of Education as suitable for direct connection to a statewide public computer information network. Senator, when I read that I thought "suitable", does it have to be made out of brick? Does it have to be made out of wood? Does it have to be handicapped accessible? Does it have to be less than five years old? What do you have as your conception of "suitable"?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, the conception was...the reason that is in the bill, when the grants would be awarded, that schools that have more than one building would be considered, probably have a higher considera...I mean at lea...they...if you would put one connection, I think we'd have 280 some. But this was put in so schools that have multiple buildings would be considered. In other words they'd have a higher priority. As you would go on with the program where they would have more than one building. Nothing as far as whether the building was in brick, and it would be up to the...it would be up to the Commissioner of Education as far as...I mean you could have a school building that probably shouldn't have it in, and that would be up to him to say no to that. And I'm talking about could be an administration building, could be a garage or something like that. But that was...that's the intent of that language.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, Senator, just so the Department of Education might have some guidance as they attempt to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the section, I take it really from what you said that you're concerned about the function of a building as being appropriate for an Internet connection, or some portion of the building being appropriate. In other words, I suppose a place the students would normally use...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Sure.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...and would have an education...direct educational function as opposed to the bus barn or...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah, right.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...something of that nature.

SENATOR ROBINSON: But also the number of buildings, that would be a criteria for...for example, York probably has three or four buildings and Benedict may have one, so York isn't just going to