

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: All right, I was wrong earlier today (inaudible).

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...because I'm an arrogant liberal, you know how those guys are.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, I...all right, Senator, whatever you want to call yourself, you can do that. (Laughter.)

SENATOR ROBINSON: I didn't call myself that.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: All right,...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The Chair will call time at this point and save both of you. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Robinson, I also wanted to ask you one question, if I may, for clarification. A school district that has already embarked on projects that would otherwise be...which would otherwise qualify for funding under your amendment and the provisions of the bill, will they be prejudiced in any way in applying for funds that may be needed to finish the project simply by virtue of the fact that they chose to go ahead and get started?

SENATOR ROBINSON: They shouldn't be because there would...the first level would be the connection to Internet, and the next phase would be networking. Now if they've done everything, you know, if they've completed...I think very few...I don't know of a district that's completed all the interneting of their buildings, and of course they'd have to have a hookup to do that. So...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, it's your intention that they should be able to apply for...

SENATOR ROBINSON: You bet, yep.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...any funds for any work that remains to be done.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Right. And, of course, they could...no, in your case, of course, your school district has the ESU, they could spend half of their funds for...for networking, but also they could...they could apply...