

building at Wayne. That makes a lot of sense. We're going to have a new building at Wayne but we're going to cut the operating costs. That doesn't make a lot of sense to me. If you go to page 86 and you look at the amendment, the Avery amendment, all of a sudden we're cutting out the competitive research, EPSCoR, something that's been very good for us in the State of Nebraska. We're looking at the applied research and technology transfer is gone. The research initiative is gone. All of those things which companies have told us in the past we need to do to develop the research, to develop our higher education all of a sudden now we're cutting that just for cutting sake, not because we have too much money that we've spent.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: If you go to page 87, we're looking again at EPSCoR and I'd like Senator Avery to tell me why we need to stop the EPSCoR which is the math and science program for our youth. If you go to page 88, we're looking on the...it's the unexpended balance appropriated for research and what the Appropriations Committee did, they reappropriated that \$11.9 million, we're not going to do that anymore, for research. We're not going to reappropriate that. I'd like Senator Avery to explain why that is good policy. On page 89, we're going to cut the operating maintenance and we've already talked about the problem of maintenance we have on state buildings, we're going to again cut maintenance and utility costs associated with the new building openings at UNL and UNK. So we're going to have the new openings, we're going to have the new renovations, new buildings, we just passed...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...that bill on Final Reading, but we're not going to do the upkeep with the maintenance and there are other questions I want to be asking why...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...when the time comes.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President and colleagues.