

to talk to each other about the concerns that we have and how this will be handled and just a little more structure to 860 in how these monies will be disbursed and for what. For instance, I did hand out the handout here on what we have already invested and I hope that the Millard senators in particular are looking at this and the Omaha senators in Westside. Elkhorn has already invested \$60,000. Westside has already invested nearly \$400,000. Omaha has, at this time, invested \$237,000 but they have plans for another \$1.5 million that they will start next fall. They've already budgeted that money. And Millard has already put in nearly \$2 million due to a bond issue that we passed a year...about a year and a half ago. We passed a bond issue specifically for technologies in the Millard area, so we...we are quite a bit ahead of probably most of the state at this time but because this money has been raised from bond issues and from...our education service unit authorized half a cent tax levy. So there...we've gone already and taken that \$2 million from those sources and invested that in our district, and, Senator Robinson, no one else seems to have any answers as to whether we will be reimbursed for that cost. So it's like going out and paying hard money to go buy a car and then finding out everybody else in the Legislature gets one bought with everybody's tax dollars for free, and that's about how I feel right, knowing that we've already invested that \$2 million. It's not that I want to take away the opportunity for everyone to be connected to the Internet. We just got that in my home and it is wonderful having the Internet but we are paying a monthly fee in order to do that through my home and we do have that connection. And I know the phone companies probably will be much more aware of the opportunities as they go across the state for people like myself and families to get connected to the Internet, and schools and businesses, and it's something that will happen as a process. But I think 860 may be just not quite as thought out, well thought out as it needs to be and we only have six months till we come back. I know that's a horrible thought on a day like today, but we only have six more months till we come back and I think if you give us that time to go ahead and look over this issue, we'll be able to bring back and much more comprehensive, well thought out bill that the school districts have been contacted and issues like these have been resolved. I would also like to see it done in kind of a tiering system. Our costs were...our initial costs were, for wiring and work stations, were from a bond issue. That was \$900,000. Then we went to the hardware, the computers, the local boards were set up, and that was about half...about