

SPEAKER WITHEM: You mean people that applied for it and didn't get their grants, is that the issue?

SENATOR BROMM: I think so.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay. Okay. I was curious what that was because I know my area of the state did not get a lot of grants. One of the school districts in...the largest school district in the state, Omaha Public Schools, and my reaction to that was that they probably didn't have as good applications and probably shouldn't have. That's one of the glories of the lottery program, the education enhancement funds within the lottery program is school districts have to compete for those. There are people from the City of Omaha that were on that committee giving those grants and Omaha school district didn't have as good a grant applications then they shouldn't have got it. Let me...let me comment just a little bit because there's so much been said and not anything particularly inaccurate, like Senator Wesely's comments about the staff positions that in the Department of Energy there really aren't eleven full-time people and nobody said eleven full-time people, Senator Wesely. On Select File, I did say parts of eleven positions. And he says this only equates to five FTE, only five full-time people in this department are funded by weatherization programs. Senator Wesely, that proves the point that I made that the weatherization aspect of the defense of or the opposition to this bill is simply an attempt by some bureaucrats to save their jobs. We're going to be facing a lot of that as we go through refunctioning state government and if we can't do with a program like weatherization, I'm not going to get into all of those other statistics, the statistics will show that the program has outlived its usefulness. Another point that was made by Senator Bromm was that...and he didn't say this but the tone of his remarks was as if that this was a, I think he used the term kind of by accident somewhere along the line, or maybe he stumbled upon this somewhat by accident, like this was a Select File amendment, like one of those that's hidden from people. People, I checked up there, we spent 3 hours and 23 minutes of discussing the Robinson amendment on Select File. We debated it upwards, downwards, crossways. We had I don't know how many different amendments considered. It was something that was fully in front of individuals. Senator Bromm talked about the Program Evaluation Committee. That's accurate. We pointed that out on the floor. The statistics we used, that Senator Wesely