

educational service unit and you know they could use, I think it's three cents, they could use that to put in Internet and it's not counted on the lid. And he didn't tell...he didn't tell you that the Lincoln schools have a contract with the local telephone company, a loan interest loan and they're hooking up Internet. Now you know what they could have done, they could have a grant application...they could have had a grant application to the Innovative Grant Fund, which is the lottery money. And they did have one. They did have one. Well, they had more than one. Lincoln schools received \$347,000 on one, another one they received \$30,000, another one 80,000 plus, another one 95,000 plus, and another one 42,000 plus. Add those figures up. Quite a bit of money, isn't it? Now evidently it must have been a priority for them because they...they made an agreement with the Lincoln Telephone Company, but, see, they got all of this money, see, and then Kate, Senator Witek talks about, you know, what dire straits that the Millard schools are in, they have a grant for...they got a grant out of the lottery fund for 917,000, let me repeat that, \$917,000. You know, that could have been...that could have been for the Internet, but they chose to do it in some other way. So it's not like that they're in such dire straits. Mentioned my old school, where I used to work for, the Westside Schools; they got a grant that was...I think it was Grand Island that was for three or four hundred thousand. So, you know, they aren't in such dire straits as all of you think they are, according to what's been said. But Senator Beutler talks about consolidation. Well, you know, he's worried about the little schools getting a lot of money. Well, you know, Senator Beutler could put...he could put a bill in to consolidate all the schools. Maybe that's what he should do. He's worried about...he's worried about all the little schools out in the hinterlands that are going to take all this money. Well, they are not going to take it away. Let's talk about weatherization for a minute. In 1986, they said...the Legislature passed a bill saying that the weatherization fund would terminate next year. Everyone knew it. And I'll have to admit though, people up in the weatherization office have a good lobby because I've had people tell me that. I've had people from the Governor's Office tell me that. So we have that they had seven applications to the weatherization fund. And another thing, as far as weatherization goes, you know, each school has a capital improvement fund. You know, they...they could weatherize...they could weatherize their schools with that capital improvement money and it's outside of the lid. Something else that hasn't