

about opportunities to conserve energy to make changes in our school buildings that are beyond your wildest imagination, beyond your wildest imagination. You cannot even sit here and realize five years from now what you might want to do in terms of energy conservation because there will be concepts or ideas that are unspoken of today. And that's what the great part is about a revolving fund, a loan fund. The fund replenishes itself and if you looked at the list that was handed out on Select File by Senator Beutler, that the schools who have weatherization programs in progress, with loan payments in progress, that covers some six or seven pages, covers most all of the legislative districts. There is a viable program of some kind in place there. If you switch this over to the technology fund, it will be handed out by some principles that we aren't aware of. The rules and regulations aren't developed. There's lots of unanswered questions, but one thing is certain, the money will be used and it will be depleted and the fund will no longer be there. And I don't think that's good policy with as many unanswered questions as we have. And I don't think it's such a big deal to ask that this bill not be passed until next year after there's been more thought and study. That's not the death of the bill. That's not an indefinite postponement. I just want to be sure that we're doing the right thing. I don't think it's asking too much to wait for the results of the program evaluation report, to go through the process of letting the agency respond to that report, to let the committee, Program Evaluation Committee make recommendations and have all that in hand when we come back here in January, which is, as someone said, barely more than six months away. I think you could not be faulted for that decision. I think you could be faulted for making a decision without all the information, for perhaps making a hasty decision even though it's for a good cause. Technology in schools, it's hard to argue against that. I can't argue against that and I wouldn't, but it's a hasty decision. It's a decision that we're making without having all of...all of the alternatives and facts on the table. I would...I would simply suggest to you, in closing, that the...the job of trying to conserve energy...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...and make use of new technology in the energy field is an ever changing and ever increasing challenge. There will be uses for this fund, believe me. Things are changing and I think there's a place for this fund. I think it's been used