

along with everybody else. Now Senator Bernard-Stevens says, well, they shouldn't be considered, we shouldn't get into this one school versus another. But, by golly, we shouldn't be punishing these schools who step out and do the thing that we are now saying everybody should have been doing and stepped out and did it with their property tax money. It's not good enough for me for Senator Robinson to say our ESU paid for this or could be paying for this. That's property tax money. We're talking about state sales and income tax money and some equitable distribution of that money. But I want to tell you, it's not just Lincoln that has already spent money for direct hookups. You're going to have passed out to you shortly a list of all the schools who have already done this. It includes Plattsmouth, Papillion, York, Fullerton, Columbus, Aurora, Hampton, Hastings, Amherst, Centura, Gothenburg, Cozad, Ravenna, these are all direct hookups and none of these people are going to be reimbursed; St. Paul, North Loup, Scotia, Ord, Sheldon, Spalding, Walbach, Gerald, G.I., Grand Island, Burwell, Gibbon, Greeley, Litchfield, Lexington, Minden, Grant, a number of Lincoln and Omaha high schools, Papillion, Plattsmouth, did I say Plattsmouth, Ralston, Platteview, Springfield, Westmont, Waterloo; I think Westside was mentioned by Senator Witek; Dillard, York, Central City, Blair...Blair, oh, yeah, that's interesting, Senator. I mean, your sense of equity now simply astounds me. (Laughter.) Wayne, Tecumseh, North Bend, Wahoo, Elkhorn. I mean, we're talking about gross inequity here and gross inequity in favor of those who have done...who have not seen fit to do the right thing with their...with their property tax money. I mean, this is ridiculous, from my perspective. Senator...Senator Robinson, I guess, let me be just absolutely clear, this is your intention, is it not? Senator Robinson.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Robinson.

SENATOR BEUTLER: This is your intention. Is that correct, that these schools that have already paid these monies shall not be reimbursed out of this fund? Is that correct?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, we say the first priority is the direct connect. Now the...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Now, Senator,...

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...wait, let me finish. If you're going to cut me off, I'm not going to answer.