

\$14 million, you're not getting to the second priority. Lincoln is spending \$3.7 million on this, extrapolating statewide it's going to take 37 to \$45 million to do this. Fourteen million dollars is not going to take you anywhere close to that second priority he's talking about. And with regard to the \$14 million, the only practical thing we're talking about here, all of these schools that have paid are not going to get a penny, and that's not right.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, you've got to wake up on this. Everybody has to understand what we're doing with this bill. I have not been able to understand the votes thus far on this bill on the floor and you're darn right I'm angry because that's a lot of money. We took it out of our property taxes. We...our ESU levied those taxes so that we could go ahead and you're just disregarding it. I have yet to hear from anyone who is in favor of this bill, what you are going to do to the...for the Millard district, for the Omaha district, for all these other districts who have already taken the time and money and effort to go ahead and get some of these things done ahead of time and now suddenly you're going to come in and give all the other districts, who haven't done that, first priority. If you do not adopt at least at the very least the Robak amendment on this, you are telling every single one of those districts, including the Millard district, and \$2 million is a lot of money for the people in Omaha. The attitude of senators on this floor that Omaha has just a pot at the end of the rainbow that just keeps producing money is really starting to get to me because this isn't the only bill that this has occurred on. I have said repeatedly that there is not a rural-urban split in this body, but the idea that just because the Omaha community is larger and that they can afford anything is wrong, because the people in my district are just as upset with the property tax situation as the people in western Nebraska are. We're just as strapped in our families and having a hard time paying our property tax as your families are. So I want you to please understand what you are doing with this bill, and I want you to please consider the Robak amendment. All this amendment is asking you is to change the language in the bill from requiring that the first priority will be the connections because we are already connected. Every school in Millard will be connected by August of this year, so we will already be connected. We won't even be able to benefit from this bill at