

opportunity for those students and that's what we're really talking about. As we're talking about equal opportunity for kids all across this state. Certainly in any area you have those who are pioneers and go forward and as they do that and show what the new opportunities can bring to people, then there are others who then try to follow the trail that they have led and so, yes, they have been leaders, but because they have, if we take this money and pay them back, we're going to be denying students all across the State of Nebraska the opportunity that this could provide them, and to me that makes absolutely no sense. I don't understand that rationale and I do not support this amendment for that reason. I think that...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...what this bill can bring to students all across this state and whether they're a rich district, a small district, it doesn't make any difference. These are children who are going to be able to do exciting things, have exciting opportunities. And I would say to those school districts, whether it's Maxwell, Nebraska, where they had a teacher who was very excited about computers and that little school is hooked up. It's probably the reason that those people who have gone ahead and been pioneers and those children have those opportunities as we have now begun to realize what that can do for our students as far in the future, I then think that we want to provide those same opportunities for all the children who have not had that kind of access. Now I talked to Senator Robinson, I've worked with him all along on this bill and I think it is a very good bill and I do not support the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I was just sitting here enjoying this and I mentioned to one of my seatmates that usually when there is a problem on the floor I'm the lightning rod and when I'm the villain and everybody is attacking me there is harmony in the family, but when I cease to be the lightning rod, as today, they begin to snap and snip at each other, if you notice it. So I serve really a worthwhile function. But I want to ask Senator Beutler a question because I like to go to the strongest opponent, if there is one, and I think Senator Beutler is the strongest opponent to this bill as written right now. Senator Beutler, when the schools which have