

There's no chance that we can get any portion of the \$2 million that we have already spent. That has already been determined. Department of Ed. has already said that. This has nothing to do with it. It has nothing to do with people not being at the hearing. People were at the hearing. This bill in the first form was to get lottery money. Senator Robinson knows that. I had a similar bill following it. I was at the hearing. My bill said take the lottery money and put it into the 1059 formula. Take this money and put it into the 1059 formula if you're worried about inequities of rich and poor, of school districts that can afford it and can't afford it. That's what the 1059 formula is supposed to do, is it not? Senator Withem was the one who got this together and that was to have equitability across the State of Nebraska for school districts that could afford things and school districts that couldn't, the money would be distributed accordingly. So that's taken into account in the 1059 formula. I made that suggestion. I had a bill in. You killed it, Senator. You killed the bill. You don't want it equitable. You don't want to use lottery money. You want to take money from the Weatherization Fund and you want to hand it out in grants, just hand it out to whoever wants it. You don't want to consider any of the individuals who have already made the investment and this is an investment of tax dollars. This does not have to do with rich people who have given their money to do this, this has to do with taxpayers. Taxpayers in the Millard district, in the Omaha district, in the districts surrounding that who have already made that investment. Some of those people do have money and some of them do not, but they still all have contributed to this because it is a worthy cause. I agree it's a worthy cause to get children hooked up to Internet. That's why I am making sacrifices in my own family budget, which is not that large, so that my children can access the Internet at our home. So it has nothing to do with rich versus poor and it really makes me angry and I resent it that people infer.... And it has nothing to do with you being more compassionate to the children that you want to hook up this, because my own children I am hooking up and I want every child to have access. I want every senator to have access to this because you need to know what we're talking about here, every single one in this body, because we are going to make some tremendous technological advances in the next few years and I want you to be aware of that and what's going on in the schools, in the communities and in the businesses. This bill is simply about taking money and giving it to school districts. You're not doing it equitably, you're just giving it to them first