

SENATOR BEUTLER: I am not trying to harass you. I think it could be enormously valuable to the Department of Education if they had some basic guidance as to how this money should be distributed.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I'll be more than happy to give that to them, if the bill passes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, the bill is going to pass, Senator, don't you think.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Isn't that your sense of things at this point?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, I could make a comment, but I won't. Go ahead.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, all right. Appreciate your sparing me. In any event, the first priority category of direct connection, it seems to me clear at this point that we're going to have ultimately about \$14 million to spend for these direct connections.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Over 13 years.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Over a period of years, yes.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And it seems equally clear to me that the total amount of money necessary in order to make direct connections for all school districts in the state is probably somewhere between 35 and \$45 million. So,...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, that depends.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...grant me the assumption for the moment.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I'll grant you the assumption.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. That being the case, we start with priority one and we can go along in priority one until we've expended our \$14 million, if we want to, and never go to the