

just...I really...I thought we worked on this in the way that we should and didn't get results, so I thought that I would bring it to the whole body, and that's fair. That's what we do on a lot of issues in this body. Senator Avery, I'm not sure about the School for the Visually Impaired. I understand they do have some of this equipment, but I think that they use it. I mean I think that it is used within their facilities, and when you're talking about the possibility of using it across the state, I think it should properly be housed in the Department of Education. Now if they find they can work out some kind of an agreement with them to use their equipment occasionally, as the need arises, I think that's okay, but I think that it would be very difficult to make that arrangement for a very long period of time and sustain it, I think it would be difficult. But I think it would be housed in the Department of Education. I would think that eventually that some school systems, the larger school systems, if the need was there, would go ahead and purchase some of this equipment themselves. It is not that outrageously expensive, and it certainly probably is a lot cheaper than buying these materials on the open market. If you could, you know, do a lot of this in-house, I'm sure that it would be cost-effective in the long run. And, Senator Avery, I don't know if you finished your questions, or are there any others that you would like to ask at this point?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. I don't...I don't know, I just, I guess I'm more concerned about has the potential for partnering, utilizing all the resources out there that we...that we have, be it the university. I know they do some instruction in the area. If it is out there, I would say we've got people that are expertise and know how to use it and are trained in it, if we could utilize those resources before we go out and just, you know, house it. I'm just trying to make sure we've explored all of that. Sometimes that's overlooked and I just, I guess that's where I'm...my concern comes from.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And, Senator Avery, if I didn't make it clear, I should. The University of Nebraska and the Department of Education already are partnering on this, on the training aspect, and if I didn't make that clear, I want to make it clear now. So I agree with you. I think we need to use our resources as best we can and I would...this would not discourage that