

not an expert in education so I'm going to be very careful, but it seems to me some are more effective teachers in certain numbers of students than others. And I think we're going to have to start looking at areas like that. We're going to have to start looking at areas of supervis...of curriculums and some other things that I don't know anything about, but I know there are professionals that do. And certainly we all know individual school districts are better than others. What makes them that? I know there are people that can identify those things. So I simply think at this time throwing more money at the situation and say we're going to bail you out once again is not the answer at this time. I fully believe we'll be back here in a year or two...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...and try to provide some solutions, although at this point I don't know exactly what there will be, especially if the state itself is going to be under a lid or a cap in addition to all the other things that we're going to have to do. But certainly I think it has to start with an improved attitude, a can-do attitude that we are going to improve education in Nebraska, that kids are going to be first, and we're going to have a system that's more efficient; and start with that premise, rather than say, wce is me, we're going to have to have more money, and more time, and more effort to ever solve our problem. I just think we're starting on the wrong end of our attitude.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President. And, yes, I did read the article yesterday from the Kansas City...I don't know what newspaper, but about the Kansas City school system. And that certainly was an eye-opener on the...to all of us, and I think a lot of us knew it, but it was a really good article that proves that just throwing money at the school system doesn't make it a good school system. And I agree on that entirely. I'm not going to vote for the half cent sales tax. What I hope I made clear is that I'm glad Chris had the courage to bring the amendment so we could talk about it, because I think in two years or more we are going to have to face the fact that, not just for schools, but other...other needs and services, we may have to...we may have to face a raise in sales tax because of