

fewer federal funds and services...people who need services. A lot of them aren't going to go away just because we don't have the money to take care of their needs, they aren't going to go away, they're going to be there. So the counties, or the state, or the city, someone is going to have to come up with that money. But the other thing I just wanted to say two, quick more things. The other thing about 1114 and these is the reason I think a lot of the school districts feel threatened is they feel that they're going to give up local control, that the state is going to mandate the lids, and they're going to have to...eventually the state's going to tell them what to teach and so on. Well, we do some of that now. But I do think we have to be careful of that. I will agree with them on that, that I think we have to be careful. And I don't know if the money that we're going to...if property...if property taxes go down, if property taxes go down I don't know how they're going to make up the difference in what they see, the money that they think they need to have. And people who complain about property taxes, once more I remind everybody who might be listening, the state of Nebraska does not levy a property tax, we do not levy taxes on your real estate, that is all local. And the reason I bring that up is 'cause I do have a letter, I'm going to give the other side of it, from a constituent. She wrote a really good letter I think. She moved to Lincoln not too long ago from another state. She moved to Nebraska. And where she lived before she felt like she had all the services and so on that we give, but at one-third of the taxes. So she doesn't understand why it is that the schools, and she talked to a younger person who has somebody in the Lincoln Public Schools, that the schools supply pencils, paper, books and so on for no fees. That's come over the years, I don't know when that started. When I was a kid we took everything to school with us. We brought our paper and pencils and so on, and we did have a book rental, even in the public schools you had to pay a book rental. So there are, you see there are always ways that a budget can be looked at and at least try to come up with some way for the budget to be used in a more efficient way. But I would guess that a lot of parents who may be complaining right now about their property taxes being too high would start complaining if they had to buy all those things and send them along with their children to school. So it's six of one and half a dozen of the other. And she just doesn't understand that...understand where it all came from. I'm going to try to find some information for her because she does raise some questions that I haven't had raised before.