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district would get. For \$6,600 a year General Fund money you get a statewide system administered by the Commission for the Blind, which will provide access to all visually-impaired persons through an 800 telephone number and a digital voice system, give them all access to, at this time, for that money, three national newspapers and two local state newspapers. And, in addition to that general operating money, there would be about \$5,000 of start-up costs. So that, in a nutshell, is what the bill does. The local papers that would be the first systems used have not been decided yet, as I understand it. This is a national program that is developing across the country and this particular bill would give access to our visually-impaired people to that, what they call, Newsline for the Blind system. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Suttle.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support. In the Education Committee (sic--Health and Human Services Committee) we had a demonstration of the effectiveness of this. There was a blind girl that came in to show us they can speed up the voice so that it talks as fast as you can listen. Just as you can read as fast as you can read, they get used to listening to something real fast. I suppose they could make sense of Patrick's reading of a final bill. (Laugh) Also, the...there are also different newspapers they can access by dialing a four-digit access code. They...she was just...it was just really fascinating to watch this lady and show us how that would work and how that opens up the world to them and so they'll know what's going on in the world. So many times those of us who aren't blind or aren't deaf or don't have a disability don't appreciate what they have to...what those people have to go through in order to have the same access to the same things that we do, and this is an excellent idea and I applaud Senator Buetler for bringing the bill to the Education Committee (sic--Health and Human Services Committee) and I do support it and I urge everyone to. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Just want to make a correction. That bill came to the Health and Human Services