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totally about \$7.9 million. And that will kind of carry across for those three years. Now, maybe we'll...maybe we can't do it in three years. Those are some of the things that the task force will really look at and try to decide what is best. But what we are trying to do is look at the overall picture, to try and bring the schools, those 180 schools that we have out there left hanging, when we know we're having declining enrollments and that distance education is becoming more important with each year.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Also,...thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Brown, followed by Senators Redfield, Wehrbein, and Stuthman.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, putting money into distance education was one of the first things that happened when I joined the Legislature. And we made a fairly substantial investment at that point in time. I went to a conference soon after, and there...part of the conference was talking about what states were doing to improve their education system. And one of the speakers said that what Nebraska was doing in terms of distance education was...should be...was probably one of the wisest investments, and should be a model. And yet I've listened to Senator Raikes today, and I've listened to Senator Stuhr, and it's not the technology and whether I agree with that, and it's not whether I think that our students need to be...have as much introduction to the Internet and to distance learning as possible. That's not the problem I have. The problem that I have is that I listen to...on the Transportation Committee, to what we need to do in terms of communication for our safety individuals, and how much that's going to cost, and we're talking hundreds of millions of dollars; our e-911 system, and how much that's going to cost, and that's millions of dollars, and millions of dollars and ongoing. And it's not so much the technology and the investment in the technology, but whether our structure is supporting the right kind of thing and is operating in the most efficient manner possible. And Senator Raikes has somewhat acknowledged that we have overlapping