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equipment is dated again. The Legislature is in the same spot
the school boards have been for a long time. We have to
update...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR KOPPLIN: ...equipment. That means that we're going to
need some money. The bill is now asking for $8 million. Yes,
the study can be done for less than that. But to do the
equipment, we're going to need that kind of money. Senator
Redfield said yesterday, perhaps it's cheaper to do with the
Internet. And she may be right. But we still have areas of the
state that need to get on board. Senator Stuthman yesterday
asked, is it all worth it? And I can only point to what the
consortiums do. The Southeast Consortium has some 58 schools.
The Southwest Consortium over the years have worked with over
17,000 students in classrooms that could best be served on a
distance learning package. We need to keep the real
discussion...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR KOPPLIN: ...on this bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator. Thank you, Senator Kopplin.
Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Brown and Stuhr.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President,...and I have a
reason, other than saying I told you so, for reading this
article. It's an entranceway to other things. Anyway, after
the decision came down, state Health and Human Services System
officials declined to comment immediately. Hand caught in the
cookie jar, they don't want to acknowledge it. You saw the way
they did when they hired the murderer. Quote, the state of
Nebraska should be focusing on lowering the number of people who
are uninsured, rather than increasing them, said the one who was
presenting this. Removing the people from the Medicaid program
was done during a special budget cutting legislative session
in 2002. Guess who opposed that, and was trampled into the
ground. And I can tell you, I told you so, again. You all
don't pay attention to me. But the record is there, and I like