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place. But any new funding available would be targeted to establishing grants in communities that serve at-risk children. Other point I was going to make, but forgot. So I'll trust you to ask a question about that. That is the...again, we're on the amendment to the committee amendment. This is language to make clear that we're...as to how we're going to prioritize the program, when the state aid part of it begins. And again, that's in the first year of the out-biennium, the 2007-2008 school fiscal year. Oh, I know what I was going to mention. In terms of funding of the grant programs, suppose you have an ongoing program that is receiving \$50,000 a year through the...from the state, through the grant program. And then, after it's been in place for three years, the four-year-olds in that program are funded through the aid formula. And let's just say there's \$20,000 available to support the program through the aid formula. Then there would continue to be \$30,000 available through the grant program, so that the existing programs would be held harmless as four-year-olds go into the aid formula. And any new money that is brought into the grant program, so to speak, by replacing with state aid money, would be available to establish the new programs in the at-risk...or, communities serving at-risk children. So that's roughly the operation. I, no doubt, have not been very clear on my explanation. If you have questions, I'd be happy to try to answer them. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Raikes. You've heard the opening on AM1720 to the committee amendments, AM1510. Those wishing to speak, Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. First of all, I want to thank Senator Raikes for this work and for increasing early childhood education. I think it's great to do that. And I believe that those kind of programs are going to help us spend less going forward. I really think that this is an area that we need to work on. But I only want to talk about, as you add to the base and expand that, I think that's a good incentive to do this. I do have a local program that's actually funded locally. There was a need in Tekamah, Nebraska. Parents asked for a program that had some resources. Locally, they are doing an early childhood education program now. And I talked to Senator Raikes off the mike about whether their added program