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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, one by one we're going back through all of these items that were requested by the Department of Education. We funded some, and as I mentioned when we started talking about the American Indian positions, when this was presented to us, we didn't have any prioritization. They just said, we need all of these positions. And generally speaking, and this one certainly falls in this category, the reason they needed the position was because the federal government had quit funding. And so they hadn't filled the position. I believe it was vacant for a year. And now we're being asked again to do this. So \$86,000, it's just death by single strokes of the razor. But I think we keep adding to our budget when we do this and I'm very concerned. The committee was very concerned. We decided we simply can't fund all of the things that the federal government cuts, and with a budget the size of the Department of Education, I would think they could squeeze in something that would take care of this particular position, because we give them a great deal of money. And as far as...as far as the committee was concerned, we didn't think this was a prioritized item. We didn't give it that much credence. And in fact, when it was presented to us, there was hardly any discussion about this particular...this particular item. I think we can always, with due deference to my colleague, Senator Landis, we can always talk about pandemic flu, we can always talk about health and safety, we can always talk about homeland security. These are buzzwords. In a little while we'll talk about methamphetamine. That's another one of the buzzwords. So if you just use the word then you start throwing money at it, and that's what I think we're doing in this particular case. I don't think that they made a case before our committee to fund this particular proposal, and we didn't fund it. There was, in fact, hardly any discussion because there was hardly any issue that was presented to us in this regard. I just think that at some point we have to say, wait a minute, we're going to have one coordinator that's going to coordinate the entire state of Nebraska, as far as K-12 education, and provide for the school safety of all of the schools in our state. Well, we also have administrators in these various schools and when they had the problem in schools for various destructive things that took place, the