

top of that waiting that are cost beneficial loans. And, again, no loans are given unless there's a positive cost benefit. So the arguments made on Select File and some of the points made were simply not accurate in some cases and I want to correct that and suggest again that the weatherization program has worked. It needs to continue to work for a limited period of time, I don't think forever, but certainly the review that Senator Bromm is saying is being done and will be available next month, would be the sensible way to decide what course of action to take. And I think...I think, so point number one I want to make is the weatherization program is still viable, still important and ought to still continue until we have better information to decide its future. Secondly, the actual amendment that was offered and adopted, for those of us in Lincoln and Omaha that have already embarked on Internet we would not qualify, as I understand it, for money and there's questions about, well, how do we go forward, how would that work, what schools would get assistance. It's a grant, not a loan. Once the money is spent, it's gone. It seems to me that those kind of questions weren't answered so I think Senator Bromm's idea of delaying this, working on it further, it's not going to hurt any situation, it will help us make sure we make the right decisions both with what we do with the weatherization and what we do with this Internet program. Let's take the time to do it right. Let's not rush forward and make a mistake and wish that we hadn't. So I rise in support of the Bromm bracket motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Coordsen, your light is next, followed by Senators Beutler, Witek, Withem, Robinson, Bromm, Hall, Warner and Avery.

SENATOR COORSEEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, I rise in support of the bracket motion. I wouldn't, of course, support a motion to indefinitely postpone the bill. We're talking about two separate and distinct things. As Senator Wesely talked, the weatherization, I believe, is not over yet. There's going to be a continuing need for loan programs out into the future. In retrospect, thinking back to what we did on Select File, and thinking about grant programs as opposed to loan programs, information technology can be moderately expensive or very expensive but never inexpensive. And it's also an ongoing...an ongoing expense in that information technology continues to grow and continues to require monies to be spent in that area in order to keep up. It