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taxpayer is directly affected by the program by who administers it and by who benefits from it but there is more money. Second, there is a great change in the role of the Federal Government and I would urge you to consider this as fact, not propaganda. We are out of the decision making business in your areas. We aren't going to choose which of your communities gets a grant to help build their water system, which of your communities gets public housing, or which of your communities gets something else or which of your school districts get a library. We are out of that business. You are going to be in that business much more than I think you recognize and hopefully, as you enter that field, you will draw your rules and regulations better than what the Federal Government has done over the last 30 to 40 years as it got into the field and allowed programs to spring up that operated in, completely independent of others and many times they crossed purposes as it is well to understand that the President's comments on changing this system from Federal decision making to local is based on two things: His lack of confidence in our ability to do it and his overwhelming confidence in your ability to do it and in between these statements there is a lot of discussion going on. Mr. Speaker, that is a very broad overview of the Federal Regional Council, our purpose for being on the tour. We have been at this for about three weeks. We have now finished. This will be our final meeting with State officials. We have municipal officials, local officials in Nebraska and local officials in Missouri yet to go. We hope to wind this up April the 11th. We have one more Legislative session and that is with the Missouri Legislative leaders on April 9th. I might mention in closing that the Kansas Legislative leaders made the suggestion that they would like to set up a formal process, formal meeting with the Regional Council, with other legislative leaders from the other three states. We are most receptive to that and we urge your consideration. In closing I would like to ask if a certain rumor that I have heard is fact or fiction. I have heard that the State of Nebraska has changed its slogan from: "We're Number One;" to a slogan that; "It's Better to Have Been Number One and Lost Than Never to Have Been Number One At All." Thank you.

SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Smith. We're now ready for questions. I suggest that you use your lights in the usual manner so I can keep track of who wants to speak and Mr. Smith, did you say, ask them to direct their questions to the particular agency representative? Yes, you can direct your questions to any agency representative that you want or if you don't know the agency, direct them to Mr. Smith and he'll direct you. Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address my first question and I, it will probably be the only one because there are several I would have, but to the HEW representative. We noticed in the papers last night and I think the day before, with regards to vocational rehabilitation that the President is vetoed, or has vetoed S7 and HR 17, I believe. This has led to a great bit of confusion in the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. We're concerned whether this program is ending at the end of June. I've been in contact, trying to get a complete explanation of this. Could you clear this matter up? Have I asked you enough to give you something to speak about?

HEW: Yes, Senator, I think that I can perhaps not give you a question that you'll find fully satisfactory but I think I can give you the situation at this time. The reason that the President vetoed the Vocational Rehabilitation bill was because in his proposed budget, vocational rehabilitation, as a program, is folded into the general bill on Special Education Revenue Sharing. The money, as I understand, and total, are the same but rather than to put this back into a categorical grant system which we're trying to eliminate, this is one of the 30 programs