

SENATOR WESELY: We had that before, Senator, and they didn't do it. That is why we have the program. Now they are doing it because we have the money available to assist those people that need assistance.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I guess I'm speaking as an ex-school board member. The problem we had with the weatherization program is that we have to hire a consultant to write the program right to get the money. So it kind of bothers me that the money does not...that the people at the local level, the school board members at the local level, cannot make that decision related to their buildings. So I support the kill motion of Senator Remmers.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, do you want to speak again?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I want to speak again. Then I know there are others. Maybe we won't get to have a vote today and maybe just have to work something out. But I'll talk as long as I've got five minutes, what the heck. Mr. President, Senator Remmers was complaining about the administrative costs. I think he should. I think he should at least check into the administrative costs because when you look at this program you will find the administrative costs, compared with other government programs, are right at the absolute lowest. Remember, when you are talking about the administrative costs, you are talking about the engineering studies, the whole works, that goes in, now I'm talking about in preparation of the grants they have to...some of them can do them individually, Wiley, some of them can do them hiring firms, so that is involved. But if you want to talk about real administrative costs then you should check this figure out. I think you are going to find it is accurate. Administrative costs for running the schools in the State of Nebraska, administrators, principals and superintendents are number one in the United States on a per capita basis. In other words, Senator Remmers, who as a former superintendent should be very familiar with administrative costs, is saying this program, with some of the lowest administrative costs, is some how evil, whereas our school administration costs, the people that are opposing this bill, are the most expensive in the United States of America today. We are number one in the United States for administrative costs. I think you're going to find that is true if you check it out. I'd ask Senator Remmers to check it out. On a per capita basis I think you