

tried to find the author of a quote from the press up here, but they couldn't help me, but I think it was H. L. Mencken that said that those that can't read turn to comics and those that can't think read the editorials. The point simply is that the person writing the editorial doesn't know any more than anybody else. It is one person's opinion. The only advantage he has, he has communication skills and he has a vehicle to put it out. And I dare say that if the writers of the editorial that Senator Wesely was quoting really understood the bill, they might change their mind about the whole bill because again, if the senators on this floor didn't understand the bill I'm sure the Lincoln Journal didn't understand it either. Wesely was also concerned about the small schools, that they didn't have the money to do these things. Those poor small schools out there, we have to help them. Well, I think most of those small schools are about in as good a shape as the big schools and they can take care of their bills as well as the large schools. And again, by 1986, if they haven't taken care of their problems, I don't believe they deserve any help. Many of the weatherization programs that are being done are putting into buildings that are going to be abandoned. 662, if it passes, and it looks like it has the votes to pass, 662 will close a lot of schools. A lot of these buildings that money has been spent from this are going to be closed and you won't realize any more savings from them. Senator DeCamp is great at setting up straw men. He is a master at it. I've never seen anybody that can set up more straw men and then beat the devil out of them out here on the floor and people forget all about the issue. Now for instance, I was not criticizing administrative costs that go into this program have been excessive, I just simply said there were administrative costs there. In other words, I've been saying that these schools actually have only been getting about 85 cents on the dollar that they were entitled to. They were entitled to the whole dollar, but because of the money that is going to the Energy Office, the administration and then their own cost in getting this money, they are only getting about 85 cents on the dollar. So Senator DeCamp started in on the fact that Nebraska school administrators have the poorest record in the nation. We have higher school administrative costs than any other state. That may be true, but it doesn't have anything to do with the administration of this program. There are administration costs here. I might say one of the reasons Nebraska does not rate very well on the scale as far as