

defined that in the context that is meaningful to this bill. What do you get with 662? Do you get equity? I doubt it. I think there have been plenty of arguments raised this morning that would add to those doubts. Do you get more educational quality? Not that I can see. There has not been any outcry from anybody that I have talked to necessarily to uproot the structure of our educational system in the state. What people are telling me is basically they're pretty happy with the structure. What they are dissatisfied with is the tax situation and that is what the proponents have been saying they are trying to resolve, but to do that they are completely upsetting a structure that I think is devastating for the rural part of this state. What else do we get from 662? Well, I think we might get a few more lawsuits possibly. I have some concerns about Senator Lamb's amendment that went on last time even though I supported it. My district in particular has paid the price of the Legislature not working thoroughly enough on some of these issues, in particular nonresident tuition, and for those of you who are fortunate enough not to have this kind of problem in your district, all I can say is you are indeed fortunate. But let me tell you what has happened out in my area. The Legislature a few years ago passed LB 933. It's been declared unconstitutional in the district court. If the suit goes the direction that is planned, you've read about it in the papers over the weekend, it could cost \$22 million across the state. And my little area alone is going to pay about a fifth of that. Don't do me any more favors by passing this kind of sloppy legislation. We just can't afford it. We passed 930 last year. I had a little hand in that and I'm not proud of that either. That bill has an error again that we rammed something through in a desperate attempt to try to solve a problem. It didn't work. In addition to those problems I think what we really create here are extreme social stresses in rural Nebraska that we quite frankly can't afford right now. We've got enough problems without setting neighbor against neighbor and community against community on the kinds of questions that are going to be raised with the implementation of this bill. I want to compliment Senator Landis on his willingness to sit down with us and try to talk about that implementation phase, but it's only...I guess we've all sat down and expressed our interest in working together, but that's about as far as we've managed to arrive at this time, but I do admire his willingness to try to do that. I think if you look at some of the bills we