

about here is quite honestly, even though I'm going to support this I'm going to say this publicly, and that is the communities...we do a lot from the state level, particularly in the last years we've had to do more and more for the subdivisions. And now they're coming in and asking us again, and I have said repeatedly I'm not going to support new programs when we can't even provide services for the ones that are existing. And so I am going to say this, that if those communities, and this is an important service, but within their own communities if they could come up with the money, I'd like to see them do it themselves instead of coming to us and asking for this. But I understand the only way they can get the match is by going...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: ...through this process. Is that correct? Thank you. I am supportive of the amendment, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, maybe I can help Senator Smith out a little bit. I did make a call to my local library, this morning. And I understand that there are two computer systems that they need to purchase, one does one thing, and the other is compatible. One is an old computer, and so on, and they would be on one, big computer system. And the Nebraska Library Commission has encouraged this effort proposed to fund one-fourth of the costs through grants to local libraries, Charitable Foundation Nebraska is interested in funding one-fourth of the cost, and the remaining half would be funded by local public libraries. And my local librarian said that one portion of it is 400,000, and the other portion would be approximately 400,000 to automate the 13 libraries, I believe. And so obviously maybe some local...and I have the same problem, my city council chose to close the library on Sunday, and that was not very well accepted. And I'm not sure how far we can go to continue to fund the libraries without maybe some more local effort, or local matching money. And I do know that certainly helps a lot in being computerized and so on, but again for that reason I had questions on this funding.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Schellpeper. Senator Morrissey.