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surprised all the cards, letters, and phone calls we got because we were the big spenders in our community, in every community. The next week it was retracted, of course, but everybody doesn't read the retractions, they just read the articles, so that went on for quite some time. So that's how many times how little people are aware of what we really do and what we really are paid for doing. And again, this is, to me, this is very rewarding and an honorable job to have, but I think we are eliminating many, many more young, qualified people to be able to serve down here because they just definitely just can't afford it. And for many of us, it didn't happen at a certain state of our life, we wouldn't be here either. I was offered this, an appointment, many years ago and had five little children at home and, again, it was nice to be asked, but my answer was very, very quickly not only "no" but "heck, no" because there's no way in the world I could afford to come down here and...and do this job and raise a family. So, again, I do agree that something should be done and I don't think it's going to affect most of us because by the time it's finally passed we probably...lot of us won't even be here. And I don't feel bad about what we are being paid ourselves now because when we took this position we knew what the pay was, so there's no complaints as far as what I'm getting now, but I think we should do for those that come after us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I think we've had a real good discussion here this morning and that's what I wanted because I think that that's important. I know that what we're going to do at Exec Board, we're going to try to get the survey done and get a report back in January. I don't want to sell myself short. I think we're worth \$2,000 or even more than that. I...I travel (laugh)...I travel clear across my district. Takes four hours to go across it, so I got a lot of miles and a lot of people, and you can't hardly see very many people, but what I really want is something that's doable and something that will pass at...in the year 2000. I would hate to have to come back and do it again, and so I guess...I guess that's my real concern is. And I just wanted a discussion amongst this body this morning to see what the feelings are, and I think we've had a real good discussion. And, with that, I