

She was getting \$10,000 a year to do that. I think that is why the people of Omaha voted for the lid. They were trying to send a message to the school board, the board of education in Omaha, cut out the frills, cut out the silliness and give our children the basic education. Here in Lincoln you people are giving highschool credits for water polo. You call that an education? I spend months in my own insurance business trying to find an educated secretary. Somebody that knew how to spell. But what is coming out of the schools today they can't read, they can't write and they can't spell. I agree with Senator Labeledz, why didn't the school board put this to a vote of the people when they had a right to and it wouldn't have cost them a penny. I want to say this in all honesty. Look up the accountability report senators and see how many senators are here this year not by the Grace of God and not by the vote of the people but by the donations they received from the Nebraska State Education Association. They have got enough money and own enough property they could cut our taxes in half just by splitting with us half the money they take from the poor teachers in union dues. When it comes time to vote for the teachers retirement program I'm going to vote for it but I am sick of the bureaucrats and I'm sick the paper pushers and that is where our tax dollars are going and that is why we need to send a message to the school board in Omaha, quit hiring more bureaucrats and three or four assistants to assistants. I'm going to support Senator Stoney even though I don't believe in a zero percent budget but I support the people in Omaha who put it in. The next time that you tell me you don't believe in interfering in local issues remember the vote today and this message from Governor Thone today saying that....lets cut the budget, lets cut the budget. Lets think about it. This is what the people of Omaha tried to do. So I urge you to support Senator Stoney's amendment.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

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SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, some of you might be wondering why I'm getting into this issue because it pertains to Omaha and Nebraska City. The reason I'm getting into the issue is because of principle. The City of Omaha and the City of Nebraska City had their tax payers vote on a tax issue. They voted for the issue. Now if you want to change the formula, if it wasn't fair as to how to get the petition on, that is fine, but for this body to override what a group of citizens have done in their