

\$500 help for a girl to go to nursing school, or a working lady with a couple children, a little bit credit, and I was cut down on it. Arlene, you're not giving it to the needy, you're giving it to the Willie Thiessens, if I remember the comment on the floor. You don't need that kind of money, those people don't need that money. Let me share with you...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: ...the average salaries of some of these people that we're talking about. Let's take a computer operator, \$16,893, that's 12 months out of the year, maybe a couple years (sic) vacation. That's not vacation over Christmas, a week's spring vacation, as we have right now, or nine months work, an opportunity to go out and drive a bus, or paint a house, or sell real estate. So let's talk salaries, a nurses aide, \$11,000. I'm just trying to point out the difference there. Let's take an accountant 24,150, assistant professor 29, auto mechanic 25,500, computer programmer 29,000. Let's just go down the list, let's talk...now let's get down and talk what figures we're talking about. The base salary is low in some of those Class I schools, but let's take the Class I schools out of it and then I can't see that we're talking about low salaries. My people are saying to me, if they had thought there was 150 million in the budget, they want 150 million. If they had thought there was 75 million in the budget available, they would have wanted 75, or vice versa.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: I'm not quite sure, I hate to ask what the question was, because after I was asked I sat back down. But I'll try to answer a point, I guess. I was going to pass around, on my closing, a list something like this, won't be all marked up with red, the average salaries, and it will contradict and make clear exactly what average salaries are for teachers in the classroom as compared to the average salary for all teachers who are on the payroll, including administrators, and point out the number of administrators and their average salaries. There will be a difference, as you can see. But I'd like to keep it specifically to teachers salaries. I guess a philosophical