

legitimate concern. But with the five kids, considering the cost of about \$500 a year to teach them in grade schools and private grade schools, and about 1,200 average in high schools, and you know that's low, college 3,000 so far, looks like I spent about 104,000 bucks, so I understand what it costs in private schools. However, I don't think that most Catholics here on the floor and in the state would want to hold hostage a bill that had anything to do with adequate salaries for anybody, whether or not it affected those people teaching in private schools. Hopefully it would, in fact, help those teachers along the way. Pass out a few things real quickly. I'd like to explain them. One is a long list here, first one is the schools, it's a comparison '87-88 average salaries for personnel. The reason I passed that out, without going into a lot of detail in closing, was to give you some better idea. All of you senators are listed on there, with your home school districts identified. What it simply does is takes your full-time equivalent teachers in the classroom, how many you've got, what their average salary is, full-time equivalent for teachers serving in your district, that would include your administrators, their average salaries, how many teachers, of course, that are certified that are in your system or in fact administrators, and the difference between the average salaries of your teachers working in the classrooms and your administrators. Now the one district with the most difference happens to be in Senator Elmer's district, Arapahoe, where the average teacher is about 19,500, and the average...19,179, and the average administrator 33,000. So I just wanted you to know that because an awful lot of debate and discussion was developed around what average salaries were for teachers. Also I'd like to quickly mention that we have a number of state aid programs in Nebraska. With what we're spending on education now in the form of state aid it amounts to about 26 percent of what it costs in toto to support the schools. The rest all comes from the local property taxpayer. If LB 89 were passed, and in its second year that \$79 million did exist, we would still be at about 35 percent of the total cost. National average is about 50 percent. For those that are concerned about state aid and wanting to do what is fair and right, there is still plenty of room, even if you passed 89, to develop a lot more money for state aid, which obviously I'm being facetious about, we couldn't afford maybe, at this point in time or both,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.