

subsection (2) of section 79-1386 (sic). So let me read 79-1386 (sic) subsection (2), and I'll read the pertinent part of it. If the population density is three or more but less than four...well, I'll start at the beginning. When the population density in any school district is less than four persons per mile as determined from the most recent complete census, the total financial support under subsection (1), which would not apply in this case, insured for each district shall be increased by the following percentages. (a) If the population density is three or more but less than four persons per square mile, 10 percent. If the density is two or more but less than three persons per square mile, 20 percent. If the density is one or more but less than two persons per mile, 30 percent and if the density is less than one person per mile, 40 percent per square mile, 40 percent. Now, you know, I hear a lot of people saying that Senator Conway's amendment is a great compromise but the plain fact of the matter is the money is going to go to those schools that currently have high salaries. Now what is a school that has low salaries, what is it going to do? Well, it can increase salaries and then become eligible for this aid, this state aid. However, by doing that they are going to increase property taxes in order to get salaries up to the point that this bill says is appropriate. Well, now I don't believe that salaries should be equal and uniform all across the state and I don't think anybody else does. It's pretty well-accepted that cost of living and a number of other things has an effect on salaries, not only in schools but salaries for other types of workers. So this amendment is an effort to put some reasonable restriction in here, or not restriction but recognition of the fact that salaries are not at the same level all over the state and that they should probably never be at the same level, but all sections of the state should benefit from this state aid money if there is some available. So I would encourage you to look at this situation and vote for this amendment to Senator Conway's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before proceeding to our speaking order, I'm pleased to announce that Senator Labeledz has guests under our south balcony, retired Judge Ted Richling and his wife, Ruth, from Omaha. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Also under the south balcony special guests of Senator Korshoj, his sisters, Betty Megrue from Blair and Marilyn Jackson from Fremont; his niece, Kathy Megrue from Lincoln and friends, Mabel Harris from Blair and Mary Harkless from Fremont. Thank you, all of you, for visiting us. Also,