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with this money that is different than what they have done with the money in the past?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Baack, my, the information that I have received, that they will use it in their budget, and that would include paying teacher salary.

SENATOR BAACK: So they are committed to increasing teacher salaries with this money?

SENATOR HEFNER: Well, one school board member told me that they are increasing their teachers salaries by about 10 percent this year, if you consider the fringe benefits, which I think we need to.

SENATOR BAACK: But with the rest of the money, do they have any plans for expansion of curriculum, offering a better quality education? What kind of plans do they have for using this money, or is it going to be the same old routine? Are we going to be back in the same old routine that we have been for years and years?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Baack, I am very proud of our schools in Nebraska.

SENATOR BAACK: I am, too.

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SENATOR HEFNER: I think they are doing a terrific job and I just want them to continue that, but so many of the school board members tell me that their hands are tied in so many ways because we mandate this, we mandate that, and we don't provide the money to do it. They say they are really strapped like with special ed and they know that this has to be taken care of but they don't have enough money to take care of it.

SENATOR BAACK: Well, Senator Hefner, I am very proud of our schools, too, but one thing that I always believe is that there is room for improvement, and I don't see that in these dollars. Those people haven't talked to me. They haven't given me any indication of what they are going to do with this money except the same old things they have been doing, and doing, and doing.