

that is out there. We also know that a lot of those are probably not as qualified as we would like to have, or the quality of teacher that we would like to have. But when you go to the small towns, and I'll take the Franklins, the Rivertons, the Wilbur, Nebraska, in fact my town of Doniphan, probably the teachers are one of the highest paid groups of people in the town, not probably, they are. So I think that Senator Smith's amendment is no more than fair. Makes the bill a lot more palatable. If you would have looked at the editorials and the various comments throughout the state, people could not believe that in the final we were cutting out the most needy again or the lowest paid teachers. I know some of those districts could probably pay more money. I think by the information handed out, I'll just maybe catch that one first. An example is being made of District 29 in Adams County, using only the Class I-VI district, they have not forgotten the high school tuition on top of that. Also, I have different figures than what is put on this. The assessed value, if I use a weighted value it is less than half of the assessed value per student that is being here, use the old trick to swing the numbers around about any way that we want to swing them. But I had a girl in my town of Grand Island that I visited with, and asked her, I knew some of the figures that she's given me was not true of Grand Island. She did happen to teach in one of the rural districts. Seemed to me like a pretty dedicated girl, and I think her salary was 14,500. I'm not so sure in visiting her, I know if I were in business or in farming or so on, when I got through with her, I don't know as I could afford to pay her that and still stay in business. But a lot of these rural areas and so on, times are tough. I guess that they do take advantage of a girl or a man, but it's a girl, that there is no shortage of teachers so they pay what they please, and that is not fair either. But on the other hand, because that girl married that farmer in Superior, Nebraska,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: ...she should not be penalized because of the fact that she happened to live in a rural area. As you will know, a good many, many of these salaries, Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island and so on, when you take the benefits, they're well over \$30,000 a year. That's not really the group or classification that we should be looking for. We should be supporting the lower paid teachers. And in order for us...I don't think the public is too concerned about the last group that I just