

don't think it is something that we have the power to decide. And, number three, the Supreme Court has a hearing scheduled on this issue in the middle of March of this year anyway. The Supreme Court is going to be looking at the problem. It is in their bailiwick, let's let them handle the case, and let's deal with this issue at hand. The issue at hand is cost of supplies have gone up, and there hasn't been an increase in 13 years. If any of you had to pay for your own equipment in your own business and you were kept at charging for that equipment cost the same prices that you were charging in 1978, you'd be out of business. I think we ought to allow them the increases and let's stick to what this limited issue is. Thanks.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. I will now recognize Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President. Questions of Senator Kristensen if he would respond.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Kristensen, as certainly the most green of lay people in the field of law, would you explain to me what a court reporter is required to do for the humongous 22 to 30 thousand dollars that you alluded to? What is their responsibility?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: One is that you are far from being green. Although your corn probably is, your experience in law is not. A court reporter's, a typical day in a court reporter would be, let me choose the one that I deal with the most. She lives in Franklin. She travels every morning the 35 miles over to Red Cloud to meet with her judge, who then they travel another 45 miles to have court in Hastings, and most of those hearings begin about nine-thirty. And so she gets up rather early, does all that traveling to find the judge and get there. She will be present at every hearing. She will take down every word that is said in the courtroom, absolutely every word. She will receive every exhibit, mark it, keep track of it. She will then file that away. She oftentimes meets with lawyers who want to schedule appointments or who have questions of the judge. If a judge has an order, every case that he does he may dictate to her letters and orders that she must prepare to do that. Now she keeps track of the files that are with the court that come up for consideration every day. Once those are done, during a