

system in Nebraska we do have, by and large, I think, a wonderful educational system. I had my children in schools in Maryland and let me tell you when we came back to Nebraska that was one of the reasons I was so pleased to be home is because the schools were far and away...and we lived in one of the richest per capita school districts in the United States of American in Maryland in Montgomery County and their educational system didn't come anywhere near the education that my children received here in Nebraska. So, with that, I will again urge all of you to vote to move LB 91 and I will give the rest of my time to Senator Bud Robinson. You're on, Bud.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to talk about teacher compensation for just a minute. My campaign this summer, one of my school districts lost an outstanding science teacher and they had a hard time filling that position, in fact, they had three people to interview. This young man went over to Iowa. He got a job in Iowa. You know how many applications they had in Iowa? They had 45 for that applica...for that position. Why do you think the reason for 45? It's in the dollar sign, folks, whether you like it or not. We could give \$5,000 to each teacher in the State of Nebraska today and it probably wouldn't...probably wouldn't improve education very much but, in the long run, it would improve education because we are not getting the best people in education today. Just take the women in education, we are not getting the best women in education today. Forty-two percent of the law school class this year at the University of Nebraska, 42 percent of them are women. Do you think we would have all that enrollment down at the business college if they could make as much teaching school? No. You know, I would like to...when you go home, when you see your superintendents or your school board members ask them a couple of questions. Ask them if they have...if they have a planning program for their school. Now a lot of them will flutter their eyes because they probably won't know what you're talking about. Then mention competency base and ask them if it's competency based. They will really probably flutter then because they probably won't know what it is. But it's...it's a job of the...I don't want to dwell on that any longer, I mention it's a job of the school board and the superintendent of schools to do that. It's interesting when we're talking about cutting the amount of money on this bill to 20 to 15,000. And one of my colleagues, he had mentioned what happened in '89. You know, we sent a message, we sent a message to the teachers of Nebraska, we care. I wonder what the message