

it is interesting. She was talking about not putting money in education. She got up the other day and sung the praises of South High School, and do you know what it was about? It was about how much their principal had done in the area of arts. Now I think that is a great thing, and I think we ought to do more things like that. I look at Senator Lamb over there. In the Appropriations Committee, we put in one new facet of NEBSAT, which is a two-way TV communication for small schools. Now I think those are the types of programs that Senator Withem is talking about, and we can talk about aging from now till you know what. I am for helping the aging, but maybe we had better help some of these young people that are going to help pay for it in a few years, help pay for some of our Social Security, so they can have better jobs and pay more Social Security in there. When are we going to start looking at states like Iowa and Arkansas that have done some exemplary projects. We can talk all we want to but we haven't done very much in this state. How much have we done for preschool education? It is a known fact that Head Start is one of the best programs in the world as far as preschool education is concerned, but what have we done? Not very much, I will tell you. We talk about performance-based education. I had a nice discussion with Senator Abboud the other day. Maybe we can put some money into performance-based education that some of you people want, instead of taking the money away from teachers pay. So I would encourage you to support Senator Hall's amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I, too, will be supporting Tim on his amendment. I am having the same concerns that Senator Withem and many of us, Senator Robinson, and so on. There are so many programs that we are not funding, and, actually, I somewhat blame we senators that are on the Education Committee, and I think I have been there probably as long as about any senator right now. So I am to blame myself in not educating and trying to help some of the other senators more in the programs that we are passing up, we think we can't afford. We blindly threw out \$20 million that I am not sure that did anything at all for education of the children. If it did, I would be surprised, and part of our problem, we didn't direct it where it should go. We should be having grants for retraining teachers. Teaching changes just like any other profession, and as Senator Robinson said, Head Start, there is nothing more important than for that child to be ready to go to school. And, likewise, when