

you all is that I also have in my hands a document that says the Rankings of Nebraska Class II, III, IV, and V School Districts, Selected Financial Data, and it's edited by Dr. Hudson, professor emeritus. It's put together by Dr. Herbert Small and Margaret Small. What it does, it lists in here, for four bucks anybody can buy it, it lists all of the school districts and what, in fact, their average salaries were. Again, what Senator Nelson didn't provide for you is pretty important information.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: What we're trying to do with this is recognize the competence of our teachers. We've got good teachers. We've got good students. We've got a great State of Nebraska. We've got a good educational system, but I don't think we have to pick on teachers and separate them out because we say we should know everything about how they...what they do and how they do it. I could ask both Senator Hefner and Senator Nelson if they could explain to me the 80-some million dollars we're spending on education and tell me exactly every...about every dollar and where it goes. Now you've talked about accountability and, as it applies to this particular 15 million dollars, how we should know everything about it, and I have no problem with that, but I'd be willing to bet that most of us know very little about anything. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I can tell you we know about 5 percent of everything the agencies spend. Ninety-five percent of what they spend we don't know "diddly beans" about. Why, all of a sudden, the arguments being used by Senator Nelson indicates that we...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR LYNCH: ..have to be accountable. And I'll return and explain that even further. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Madam President and members. I, too, would rise in opposition to Senator Hefner's amendment. I think there's something we need to remember here and Senator Hefner talks about the state becoming increasingly involved in the funding of our schools and he talks about other departments and agencies having to take cuts. I think we've lost sight of the fact that there's a 25 percent cut in LB 91 right now. Two years ago, we decided, this body decided, that teachers'