

seems to be some conflict or some bad feelings or what have you when these leases come up for sale, as there's such an animal as a bonus. Now a lease can be, say, \$5,000. You can lease a school section for \$5,000. Well, let's say that Senator Lamb has a lease. I want the lease so I say, okay, I will bid \$2,000, plus the rental of 5,000, I'll give \$7,000. It's worth that much, I'll give that. So Senator Lamb says, well, I'll give eight. So he raises it a \$1,000. So then Senator Will said, well, I like that, I'm going to bid \$9,000. So you've got a bidding war going on. You know what, there isn't any guns held to anybody's head to make a bid. They're doing it of their own free will. It's worth maybe more to some people than others, so the price goes up. Finally, Senator Lamb throws his hands in the air and he says, I'm through, \$9,000 for the lease and for the bonus is too much, I'm out. At \$11,000, Senator Will says that's enough for me, I'm out. So a third person says, well, I'll give 11,500, I'll take it. So they sell the lease and it gets a bonus, but that's the way the business is run. It's a bidding. There's nothing wrong with that. So who benefits? The school kids. They benefit. I...I'm...as you know, I'm opposed to selling the school lands, so let's go one more step. There's been some people said about the administration, the administration charges too much, the administration isn't doing a good job; the administration does this. Well, look at all the money they spend. Well, if you don't like the administration, that's no reason to sell the school land. Change the statute on how it's administered. That's what you do if you really don't like it, if they're really doing a bad job, show where they're doing a bad job, come to this body, introduce legislation, here's a bad they're doing, somebody else will do a good job, then lay out how to do a better job. So I would...I would ask you not to vote to sell the school land. As I said the other day, they don't make any more land and on your desk you will find a handout. The headline says, "More Sandhills Land to Mormons". They purchased land since 1990 of a hundred thousand acres, a hundred thousand acres. In each section there are two sections of school land in each county, that's 1,240 acres. But these people come in and say, boy, this land is a good buy, I'm going to buy. So they've bought a hundred thousand acres now. If it wasn't a money-maker or if they weren't even just going to break even, they wouldn't buy it, especially Sandhill land. So I say some people are buying, why sell when other people are buying? So I ask you to not advance the bill. Thank you very much, Mr. President.