

education associations and the administration should dole this money out and in the next sentence or two you said that the administration has really gotten out of it and they've left it up to the teachers' association. What group got together? I would like to know the people that got together and were for this concept of letting the teacher associations and the administrators dole the money out.

SENATOR WITHEM: It was a group of 49 people called the Nebraska Legislature.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, I appreciate that. I...I thought...I thought maybe you might have asked a few teachers, like Senator Schimek was talking about, that 9,000...was it a \$9,000 teacher or a \$14,000 teacher, or some of these people that are making 17,000 or 18,000, not these people that are making 30 and 35, \$40,000 out there. I think this is just a little morsel we could help these people with. And after you've mentioned the 49 people that did it, I'm much stronger in support of this amendment. So I would urge all of you to support the Conway amendment. I think it's a just thing to do. Thank you.

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

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I can't remember whether Senator Schimek was here when we discussed the LB 89 back four years ago or not. Senator Schimek, you're getting right at the concern that Senator Smith and I had, again, is the division of the money. The idea behind it was, and it flip-flopped on us, was that a lot of these districts had the ability to pay and you...you struck it on the head. The first place is they don't want to keep the teachers more than two years or three years, they're locked in for tenure. When I traveled the schools up in the Valentine area, up in there, I asked, do you have trouble getting teachers? Oh my, no, we had 40 or 42 apply. Well, I suppose \$9,000 a year at teaching was more than \$9,000 a year at farming, so it didn't seem too bad. But, on the other hand, you have my sheet of paper, the rest of the story. I went down five or six for that paper that you have to double check the valuation behind each one of those students and I think you will find...and I'm going strictly by memory now, 300,000 and up, plus. Lochland Country district in Hastings, \$1,534,000 behind each student. They pay a whole sum of \$17,100, 11 students. That's the extreme. Grand Island has \$117,000 behind each student, over 7,000 students. Their teachers average thirty-two