

thousand eight hundred and I think it's twenty-five dollars. There is no comparison in the ability to pay. So many of these...and that's exactly what we're talking about right now. I agree with Senator Schimek a hundred percent. We should address the low-paid teachers. Somehow or another we always want local control. They don't give an ounce about state aid. They don't get enough to make a bit of difference with three students or five students or six in the school. But that's only part of the story. And, as I say, Senator Schimek has my paper because I went down five or six or seven to see what the circumstances were and how much valuation behind the student. There's plenty of dollars there and it may only cost those farmers another 50 or 75 dollars that maybe they could get better quality teachers and maybe not. I'm not saying that, I do not know that. But that's part of the problem. But we do need to address that lower paid teacher. We don't need...what we need to do is pay the teachers tuition or something and they're no different than anyone of us down here or in any other profession, help them upgrade their education, help the lower ones upgrade it, therefore, they get more salary. We're going at it the wrong way. Let's...then the schools help, the students are helped, everyone, let them...let them be retrained or let them get another field or help the teachers in their education and then automatically they get an increase in salary. But it's the valuation that's behind those students and that local district just decides not to pay, so now we're making an issue for 23,000 teachers based on those 43 teachers, and it's not the whole story. And if Senator Schimek wants a little of my time, she has my sheet on the valuation. I think Hastings is like 143,000 behind each student. So the money is there in the district if they want to pay it. So I don't...I have a problem coming down to the Legislature and saying that we have to...we have to address those very low-paid ones. I can buy a Chevy or I can buy a Cadillac, whichever one I want to pay for. But I don't think it's right to come to the Legislature based on those 43 teachers.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schimek, did you...you've got about one minute of her time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, I will try to respond in that time. I don't know if I have enough time. But, Senator Nelson, I understand the point you're trying to make and Senator Conway and I were just talking and, you know, I agree with him, we should say there could be...there should be a salary level of,